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## Finance committee hears TA budget

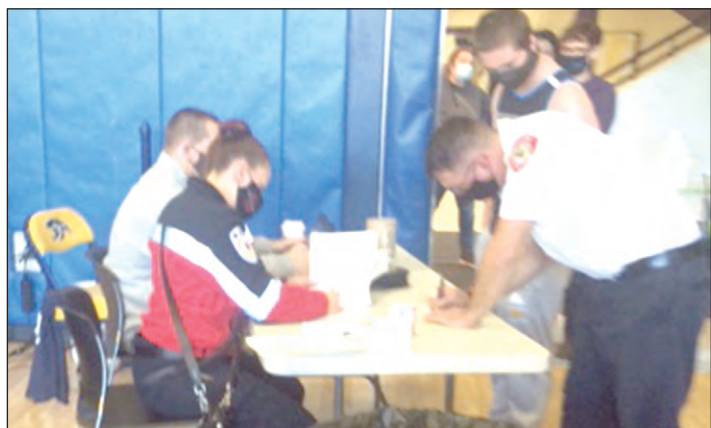
By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

The Quabbin Regional School District Committee voted to bring the preliminary FY 22 budget figure to a public hearing. A 2/3 vote was required.

Director of Administrative Services Cheryl Duval presented to the full school committee at its Monday, March 15 meeting the preliminary FY 22 budget of \$37,178,779, a difference of \$2,185,238 over the \$34,993,541 FY 21 budget or a 6.2% increase. The preliminary budget included adding 10.4 positions, which included two new teachers at Ruggles Lane and one at Hardwick, a library/media director at the middle/high school, special education para legals and a transitional first grade. The budget also listed website improvement to make it user friendly and with timely updates.

On the capital spending side for the middle/high school were \$10,000 for roof repair, \$87,000 chiller air compressor and \$141,340 for fire panel replacement. Capital expenses on the elementary side included \$50,000 for a generator at Ruggles Lane School in Barre, \$75,000 parking lot pav-

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Barre Fire Chief Robert Rogowski, right, fills out a card for the person waiting in line at Quabbin Regional High School vaccine clinic.

BARRE – School nurses were on hand to jab arms of faculty and staff at Quabbin Regional High School Tuesday, March 17 from 1-4 p.m.. Barre EMS had its staffed ambulances on site along with board of health members. Barre Fire Chief Robert Rogowski and other volunteers to man the clinic. Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center provided the doses of Pfizer vaccine.



A nurse gives a COVID-19 vaccine shot at a clinic for Quabbin faculty and staff.

## Committee votes on preliminary budget

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

HUBBARDSTON – Town administrator Ryan McLane presented his budget to the finance committee at its March 2 meeting.

The finance committee will hold a public hearing April 26. McLane said his National Guard Unit has been called up for overseas duty for a year and the select board hired David Nixon as acting town administrator. Nixon was the former town administrator for Hadley. McLane said he would be taking over the budget process. Susan Rayne, finance committee chair, said she would reach out to David Nixon on Monday.

McLane said this year he did not recommend supplementing the budget with free cash and it was not included in this budget. Last year the town supplemented its budget with free cash. Certified free cash was \$312,052.

On the revenue side, the town administrator said he estimated real estate tax revenue at \$7,715,203. This included an increase in the Payment In Lieu of Taxes agreement with solar providers. Last year the tow received \$14,500 and this year will get \$120,000. He said he used a five-year average to calculate excise tax revenue at \$1,295 million. Excise amount remained relatively flat as people were not buying new cars.

The town administrator said on the expense side there was a 2.54% increase. He said the Monty Tech assessment went down The Quabbin Regional School District preliminary budget was a little over \$37 million or a 6.1% increase. Hubbardston's preliminary assessment would be 7.96%. McLane said although the schools should get more money, the town can't afford this. He said Barre's preliminary assessment was even higher at 9.72%.

On the town side the budget was 3% over last year. He said the town meeting warrant included an

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## USDA deems Hardwick sewer agreement buyout essential

Town offers  
Eagle Hill  
\$1.8 mil to end it

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – The Board of Selectmen held a joint meeting with the Sewer Commission and the Finance Committee on Monday, March 8, via Microsoft Teams, and after much discussion voted to send a letter to Eagle Hill School offering it \$1.8 million to end the years-long sewer system agreement the two. The USDA has told the town its \$27 million grant will be in jeopardy if the agree-

ment does not end.

Years ago the school paid its sewer bills in advance so the town would have money at that time to fix the sewer system between the school and Gilbertville. However, engineers currently designing a new system in that area, as a result of the town receiving a multi-million grant to fix the town's sewer system, say there are issues within that line and at the joint with the school that need to be fixed.

Over 30 people attended the virtual meeting, including residents, representatives from the USDA, DPG Engineering LLC, RCAP Solutions and Eagle Hill School. Town Administrator Theresa Cofske turned the meet-

ing over to DPC Engineering LLC Project Manager Justin Skelly, and President Dave Prickett, along with DPC's financial expert, James Rivers.

### Project upgrades

Skelly outlined the work needed to be done to complete the town's wastewater systems upgrades project. Skelly said the Gilbertville Water Pollution Control Facility is "well overdue for an upgrade," and while both Wheelwright's WPCF and the Eagle Hill sewer system have been updated more recently, both of the systems are "inadequate." New headworks will be added to the Gilbertville and Wheelwright sites to help remove rags and flushable wipes that can cause major blockage prob-

lems. Skelly said the most recent upgrade, the Eagle Hill Sewer System, "really led to some unfortunate situations in town."

Prickett said of the Eagle Hill Sewer System, "Despite it's small size, it certainly has the most challenges." He said those challenges include blockages, backups within the system, low pumping rates and odor control. Reasons for these issues, Prickett said, are likely caused by five factors: internal diameter of the force main; system-head curve hydraulics and pumps; back-pressure, air release valves and clean outs; grinder pump connections to the force main; and the depth of the force main.

DPG talked with town officials

and came up with 17 possible alternatives to alleviate these issues. After discussion, they concluded that the installation of a new intermediate pump station at Greenwich Road near the Common was necessary, as well as replacing 3,100 feet of existing force main with gravity sewer at a swampy area near Dow Road.

Skelly said all wetlands are flagged at appropriate sites and that geotechnical borings were completed. "Right now we are on track to complete the design in summer of this year," he said. Prickett said their timeline depends on the town's letter of commitment with the USDA.

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## School committee okay switch from hybrid to in person plan

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

BARRE – In an emergency meeting, the Quabbin Regional School District Committee Tuesday night approved a switch from the hybrid model at the middle/high school to full in person learning.

Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir presented a plan to the school committee due to modifications issued by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Her plan called for no significant changes at the elementary school, which had in person learning since school opened last September.

The directives from the state would not affect students on 100% remote learning, but hybrid learning would no longer be permitted. On March 5 the Commissioner of Education said as of April 5, all elementary students must attend school in person five days a week if not opt-

ing for full-remote. As of April 28, middle school students in a hybrid model must attend school five days per week. He had not set the return date for high school students, but it would be shortly after the middle school group.

The commissioner also would not allow remote learning after this school year. He did not believe hybrid or remote learning was effective. Superintendent Muir said 22% of students are learning remotely. The state also increased the capacity of students on buses.

Superintendent Muir said if social distancing changed to three feet from six feet it would allow for the return of all students. Middle/high school students would attend school five days per week instead of the two days. However, the school hours would remain the same 7:30 a.m. to noon. The district would need to purchase more furniture as spare desks at the middle/high school went to the elementary schools to accommodate lunches with social distancing. The school presently did not use COVID-19

## MassWildlife propose first hunting and fishing license increase in 26 years

By Tyler S. Witkop  
Correspondent

Flashback to the year 1996. Bill Clinton began his second term as U.S. president, Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls won their fourth NBA title and a gallon of gasoline cost \$1.23.

In Massachusetts, resident hunting and fishing licenses increased to \$22.50 and a trapping license rose to \$30.50.

Despite drastic changes to everyday life with the advent of the internet and smartphone technology that connects people to goods and services anywhere on the globe with the push of a button, those license fees remain as one of the few relics from 1996 still in place today.

Now, facing drastic increases in both costs and services, and declining revenues, the state's Division of Fisheries and Wildlife is proposing its first increase in license fees, to go in effect in 2022.

To better inform the public of the rationale and license structure, MassWildlife is offering a series of online informational sessions via Zoom through-



Courtesy photo

State fishing and hunting licenses may go up for the first time in 25 years. The state's Division of Fisheries and Wildlife stocks about 500 bodies of water with trout. These fish are rainbow trout.

out the month. The last will take place Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. To participate, visit [www.mass.gov/info-details/masswildlife-funding#how-will-masswildlife-fund-conservation-in-the-future](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/masswildlife-funding#how-will-masswildlife-fund-conservation-in-the-future).

MassWildlife Director Mark Tisa informed participants of a March 9 informational session that each year, roughly 500 bodies of water are stocked with trout with nearly half being 12-inch or larger, more than 40,000 pheasant are released on public lands for hunters, and the state

manages more than 226,000 acres of land. In addition to managing game species, all of the state's threatened and endangered species fall under the management of MassWildlife.

### Budget gap

For fiscal 2021, the division's revenue, according to the presentation, was roughly \$16.9 million. Fees from licenses, permits and stamps accounted for 39% of that figure or roughly \$6.6 million. Forty-eight percent, or \$8 million,

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## Virtual candidate night set for March 25

BARRE – The Barre Democratic Town Committee will host a candidate night Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m.

People are invited to this virtual event to learn about the candidates running for contested races for selectman and two positions on the planning board.

The town election is Monday, April 5.

Maureen Marshall and Troy Lee Valardi are running for a three-year term to the board of selectmen. Frank W. LaRange and Anthony F. Mobilio are running for a one-year position as planning board associate member. Anthony F. Mobilio and Matthew D. Urban are running for a five-year term on planning board.

This event is an opportunity to see the candidates in action answering questions that are important to voters.

If people have questions for the candidates, they may email them by Monday, March 22 to [barredems@gmail.com](mailto:barredems@gmail.com). They may include their name, but it is optional. To register for this virtual event, people should go to <https://bit.ly/2OiDky4>.

The Barre Democratic Committee looks forward to this event on March 25. It should last about 60-90 minutes. If people have difficulty registering, they should contact [barredems@gmail.com](mailto:barredems@gmail.com).



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# News of the Towns



## Round Town

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### Organic farm to hold workshop

Many Hands Organic Farm will host a workshop regarding organic small fruit production Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to noon, at the farm in Barre and via Zoom. They have a plethora of small fruit, which they distribute in their CSA and preserve for home use. The workshop will start with a Powerpoint on small fruit culture, pruning and fertility. Participants will try their hands at pruning blueberries, grapes, red raspberries, black raspberries, blackberries, gooseberries, and elderberries. Registration is available on the Many Hands Organic Farm website at [mhof.net/events-workshops](http://mhof.net/events-workshops).

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### Stetson students tap maple trees

BARRE – One of the teachers, Laura Evonne said, “[It] seemed natural to want to tap at Stetson.” It was nature’s outdoor classroom right on campus. She said, “It is great for students to be outside in the fresh air and learn about the magic of how to tap maple trees and the process of how maple syrup is made.”

Roseberry Sugar House in Sterling is boiling down the 20 gallons of sap collected at the school in their sugar house and make about two quart size Mason jars of syrup. Students will each get to sample some of the maple syrup.

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**Students at Stetson School in Barre tapped four maple trees at the school and collected about 20 gallons of sap. The trees have not been tapped in over 25 years.**



## Hubbardston

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### Country Hen scholarship due May 1

The 2021 Country Hen Scholarship forms will be due May. 1. Hubbardston students are eligible to apply for the scholarship funded by Country Hen.

#### Dog licenses

Under state and local laws, all dogs 6 months or older must be licensed with the town and have a valid rabies vaccination on file. Gardner Animal Control will be holding a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 14. Rain date is Saturday, March 21. Dogs not licensed by May 1 will be charged a \$25 late fee. Due to COVID-19 and offices currently being closed to the public, people may renew dog licenses by mail, by drop box, in person by appointment or online by clicking the following link: <https://unipaygold.unibank.com/customerinfo.aspx>. Dogs not licensed by June 1 are subject to a \$50 citation issued by Animal Control in addition to the license fee and \$25 late fee. Citations must be paid by mail or in person and cannot be paid online. Any unpaid citations will be forwarded to Gardner District Court. Dog fee's are as follows: (\$1 will be added to online dog renewals for online fees) spayed/neutered \$10 and male/female \$15. For Residents with a collection of more than 4 dogs kept for any purpose a Special Permit is required from the Planning Board. For more information pertaining to Kennel Licenses, people may contact the Planning Board directly at 978-928-1400 extension 209 or at [inspect@hubbardstonma.us](mailto:inspect@hubbardstonma.us). Residents with any questions or concerns regarding dog licenses may contact the town clerks office at 978-928-1400, extension 202 at [clerk@hubbardstonma.us](mailto:clerk@hubbardstonma.us).

#### Senior center

The Hubbardston Senior Center will be closed until April. At that point, the Council on Aging will review how things are going with the virus and plan accordingly. A council member will be checking the phone lines two or three times a week. The director, Claudia Provencal will be checking emails and Facebook every day. The drive through food and eggs will still be in place on Thursday mornings. Masks will be in place properly and distancing will be followed.

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## QRSD to hold kindergarten registration

Registration is now open for all children, who reside in the Quabbin towns of Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree and Oakham, who will be five years old on or before Aug. 31.

Registration forms may be downloaded from the QRSD website at [www.qrsd.org](http://www.qrsd.org),

completed and returned to: Kindergarten Registration, QRSD Educational Support Center, 872 South St., Barre, MA 01005. Paper copies may also be picked up at their home school or the Educational Support Center. Virtual “Welcome to Kindergarten” nights will be scheduled for the

week of April 12. To receive that link, people may email Jessica Bennett at [jbennett@qrsd.org](mailto:jbennett@qrsd.org). All registration forms, including birth certificate and proof of residency must be returned by Friday, May 7, 2021. Parents and guardians may call 978-355-4668, extension 8500 with questions.

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## Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of March 22.

Meal sites are closed and there are only Meals on Wheels deliveries.

Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – Chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, corn niblets, peaches, biscuit

TUES. – Sloppy Joe, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, sandwich roll

WED. – Garlic herbed chicken, herbed stuffing, roasted carrots and broccoli, lemon pudding, diet = diet vanilla pudding, whole wheat bread

THURS. – Spaghetti and meatballs, green beans, Oreo mousse, Italian bread

FRI. – Potato crunch fish, herbed potatoes, peas and onions, baked cinnamon pears, pumpkin bread, tartar sauce  
\*Diabetic friendly dessert  
\*\*Higher sodium entree

Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

*Note: Many meetings are closed to the public or will be held remotely.*

### BARRE

Finance Committee – March 18 at 6:30 p.m.  
Sewer Commission – March 18 at 7 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – March 23 at 7 p.m.  
Zoning Board of Appeals – March 24 at 7 p.m.  
Cemetery Commission – March 25 at 11 a.m.  
Barre Housing Authority – April 1 at 3 p.m.  
Election Day – April 5 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – April 5 at 6:30 p.m.  
Historical Commission – April 5 at 7 p.m.  
Felton Field Commission – April 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – April 7 at 1 p.m.  
Board of Health – April 12 at 5 p.m.  
Water Commission – April 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
DPW Commission – April 12 at 7 p.m.  
Cable Advisory Committee – April 13 at 7 p.m.  
Library Trustees – April 14 at 7 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Town Hall Advisory Committee – March 18 at 7 p.m.  
Finance Committee – March 22 at 5:30 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – March 22 at 6:30 p.m.  
Personnel Committee – March 23 at 5 p.m.  
Planning Board – March 23 at 6:30 p.m.  
Recycling Commission – March 30 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Health – April 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Paige Library Trustees – April 1 at 7 p.m.  
Wheelwright Water District – April 5 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – April 8 at 9:30 a.m.  
Gilbertville Public Library – April 9 at 4 p.m.  
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – April 12 at 6 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – March 18 and April 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Town Center Committee – March 18 at 7 p.m.  
Parks Commission – March 22 at 7 p.m.  
Economic Development Committee Meet and Greet – March 25 at 6:30 p.m.  
Select Board – March 29, April 12 and April 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
Open Space Committee – March 30 and April 27 at 7 p.m.  
Historical Commission – April 3 at 10 a.m.  
Conservation Commission – April 6 at 7 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Board of Health – March 18 and April 1 at 7 p.m.  
Nichewaug Inn and Academy Committee 2020 – March 22 at 6:30 p.m.  
Petersham School Committee – March 25 at 6:30 p.m.  
Planning Board – March 25 at 7 p.m.  
Open Space and Recreation Committee – April 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – April 6 at 7:30 p.m.  
Cemetery Commission – April 8 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – April 9 at 10 a.m.  
Council on Aging – April 14 at 10 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Finance Committee – March 18 at 6 p.m.  
Library Board of Trustees – March 18 at 7 p.m.

## Postponements and cancellations due to the coronavirus pandemic

The Three County Fair, Northampton, closed its office for the winter season and instituted staff cuts and furloughs to help the 202-year-old organization survive the extended shutdown of the fairgrounds due to the COVID-19 health crisis. The cuts will affect each staff member, and includes a fourteen percent salary reduction for senior management and staggered furloughs for all employees. Furloughs could be extended if the fairgrounds are unable to host postponed 2020 events in the spring, which include over a dozen different horse shows from April through October, plus a variety of concerts and festivals. The Three County Fair entered 2020 on solid ground after completing 2019 as its most successful year since horse racing ended at the fairgrounds in 2005, thanks to a widely attended Labor Day weekend fair, and another full slate of horse shows and festivals. But with reoccurring operational expenses and more than one million dollars in lost 2020 event revenue, the fair will run out of reserves sooner rather than later. The fair received a Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Loan in mid-May, which has since been exhausted and forgiven by its lender and the SBA. For more information, people may visit [www.3countyyfair.com](http://www.3countyyfair.com).

With the current and near future Covid 19 parameters from the CDC, the Home Builder & Remodelers Association of Western Massachusetts, along with the Eastern States Exposition, has postponed the March Home Show 2021: the “Original” Western Mass Home and Garden Show to Aug. 20 – 22, 2021. The new date will allow for the utmost personal safety for guest & vendors, allow full building occupancy, and reflect the true show attendance numbers of their past shows

## Hardwick

## Eagle Hill students embrace the new ‘normal’ on stage

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – Students at Eagle Hill School recently returned to the stage of the Abby Theatre for the first time post-COVID-19 and performed the first act of the rock musical “next to normal,” a 2008 production with book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey and music by Tom Kitt. The talented cast of seven led the audience through the lives of the Goodman family and their struggles with mental health and grief. Director William C. Gelinas guided the cast and crew successfully through this nearly 5-month long production.

Rehearsals for “next to normal” began in September of 2020. “Because of COVID, we could only do one student at a time...we had to meet separately, an hour here, an hour there. It was really difficult to put together, at first,” Gelinas said. Eagle Hill School elected to take an extended break from the end of November until January, which meant that the actors in this production spent 7 weeks away from the stage and rehearsals. Due to these challenges, Gelinas decided to only perform the first act of the two-act musical. The musical lends itself well to being a one-act, as it ends with the characters coming to somewhat of a resolution in their crisis. “There is that hope, that last moment on the stage, ‘oh this is getting better, it’s going to be okay,’ I kind of wanted that to resonate with the school community and anybody that was able to see the show,” said Gelinas.

A lifelong theater enthusiast, Hardwick resident Gelinas (formerly of Barre) has been at Eagle Hill School for going on 11 years this June. His role as theater teacher/director has been a fulfilling one, as it gives him the opportunity to share his passion for theater. Gelinas has been running the program for the past four years and wanted the students to experience theater beyond the traditional high school experience. They have performed emotionally charged shows, like “The Laramie Project,” and they have even written and performed their own one-act play that deals with serious issues in a school setting. “I feel proud of the students for being able to tackle these really hard situations,” said Gelinas. Facing these difficult topics on stage “is an opportunity for them to talk about it through art, through creating art together as a group,” he said.

Gelinas and his fellow colleagues at Eagle Hill School, work together to determine the best show for the students in the theater program. From selecting the script to curtain call,



Turley Publications Photo Courtesy of Eagle Hill School

**Director William C. Gelinas, left, talks with actor Luke Blumencranz, who played the role of Dan Goodman.**

Gelinas wants the students to experience every element needed to produce a successful performance. Technical director Carl Mercier drafts the set design and builds it with the students. “The kids worked really hard from September. The skeleton of the set was up in 3 weeks,” Gelinas said.

The set featured a barebones, dull colored frame of a multi-level house, with brightly colored accent pieces. The lighting crew used the color purple to highlight the mood of various scenes throughout the show. Rounding out the crew are: music director, Isabella Gentleman; stage manager, Carmen Gelinas; choreographer, Molly Romaker; costume design, Tatum Unterberg and William C. Gelinas; back-stage crew, Cole Brown, Sabrina Feinblatt, Jake Jankowski, John Mooney, Phoebe Pak and Samantha Resnick; sound engineer, Nathan Flint; technical theatre interns, Aston Crump, Sabrina Feinblatt, Weston Maechling, John Mooney, Caroline Pongratz, Wade Schrauth and Filip Soderland; scenic consultant, Jason Preston; set design and construction, Jason Barba, Benji Betancourt, Lucia Calvert, James Correia, Jake Jankowski, Sam Jones and Jack Moreland. The pit band featured Mark Mandeville on bass, Isabel Tonelli-Sippel on guitar, Amy Bedard on violin, Tim Kane on drum set, vibraphone and percussion and Kala Farnham as accompanist.

The fall musical is just one of the performances the students participate in, they also perform a one-act play and compete with other high schools at a one-act festival. The one-act plays the students perform are the culmination of a class that Gelinas teaches at the school. Part of the class involves selecting a production and seeing it through all the way to performance. Gelinas said he wanted to enhance the class by adding “the more professional side of theater” in a high school theater by having them write their own shows. Gelinas said of the class, “It’s creating art, not just having

fun, even though we are having fun doing it.” Eagle Hill competed with 112 schools in 2019 at Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild’s High School Theater Festival and were selected as one of 14 to move on to state finals. This year’s one-act play “Our Last Summer,” was written by “next to normal” lead Collette Barnett, a senior who played Diana Goodman. Barnett plans to continue building on her writing career in college.

Barnett’s gut-wrenching performance of a mother battling mental health issues and grief at the loss of a child, was mature beyond her years. Joining Barnett on stage as her husband, Dan Goodman, was senior Luke Blumencranz, who is pursuing his education in interior design. Blumencranz has used his design talents to create the set for the one-act. His character in “next to normal” faced the daunting task of trying to keep his family together despite numerous hurdles. Playing the Goodman’s son Gabe was senior Nathan Rosenlev, who would like to pursue acting in college. Rosenlev easily portrays a teenage boy who is seemingly ignored by his father, but in reality, Gabe only exists in his mother’s mind. Senior Hali Bernstein plays Natalie Goodman, the perfectionist teenage daughter that feels trapped in the shadow of her “golden child” brother, who is later revealed to have died before she was born. Bernstein is also looking to continue studying performing arts. Offering romance and a new sense of purpose for Natalie, is Hailey, portrayed by junior Audrey Plumb. This was Plumb’s first role on stage. In the dual roles of Dr. Fine/Dr. Madden, is senior Xander Stein, who is pursuing performance as well. Katie LaFond represents the physical manifestation of Diana’s mental illness, appearing on stage as a ballerina whenever Diana sings with her son, Gabe. LaFond also assisted Romaker with choreographing her dances.

Being able to continue to produce live theater with the stu-

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## Oakham

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## Dog licenses due March 31

Dog licenses are due by Wednesday, March 31. All dogs six months or older must be licensed each year with the town clerk. In order to license a dog, the owner must present a copy of a valid rabies certificate, a spayed/neutered certificate, if applicable, for the first time licensing the dog and a check made payable to Town of Oakham for the correct amount. No cash will be accepted. This information may be mailed to the Oakham Town Clerk, 2 Coldbrook Road, Unite 4, Oakham, MA 01068. The information also may be dropped off at the Oakham Town Hall in the blue drop off box located to the left of the town hall entrance. Dog owners should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and their license will be mailed to them. License fees are \$11 for a male or female dog and \$7 for a neutered or spayed dog. The town hall remains closed to the public

### OHA lottery winners

The annual 20-20 lottery fundraiser sponsored by the Oakham Historical Association had its last drawing on March 11. The game began Jan. 5 with two drawings each week for ten weeks. To be a winner, an individual’s OHA lottery ticket number had to match the middle two digits drawn in the Tuesday and Thursday evenings Massachusetts Daily Numbers lottery. The winners in March were Gladys Bowker of Worcester; Lloyd Amesbury of Woonsocket, RI (a three time winner); Marcia Casault of Barre (twice) and Beverly Jalil of Holden. Tickets for next year’s game will go on sale at the Harvest and Holly church fair in November and a mail-in order form will be printed in the OHA December newsletter. The association greatly appreciates the support given by participants in this annual fundraising effort.

### Grab and go craft kits

The Council on Aging with Bemis Farms will offer grab and go kits for seniors to make at home. The fee is \$5. Kits offered include a spring bow in late April, a culinary herb garden in mid to late May, a summer porch pot in June and a succulent bird cage in July. People should call Lucy at 508-882-3358 to reserve a kit on or before the 15th of the month of the project. Seniors may view the completed kits at the Bemis Farm website.

### Mask sales

Tabby Tashjian’s mask store, Stony Bridge Farm, 1148 Turnpike Road, will continue to be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. She is donating all proceeds from of the sale of her masks to Bay State Equine Rescue. There are many colors and sizes to choose. There are cotton cloth non-medical facemasks in pre-school, child, large child/small adult and adult sizes with pleated and adjustable ear styles. Masks are individually packaged and labeled for convenient, self-serve shopping and purchase in the garage. Cost is \$5 each; two for \$8; four for \$15 and six for \$20. She will have Easter and Springtime masks.

### Church in person services

The Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Road, holds in person services Sundays at 10 a.m. Sunday School is held in Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. People must wear masks and practice social distancing.

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Name: Chris Novelli AIA  
Phone: 508-377-3503  
Email Address: [chris@n3architecture.com](mailto:chris@n3architecture.com)  
Notify email address listed when final publish date assigned.

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Opinion

Guest Column

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Does paying FICA tax now increase my benefit?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: If a person retires at age 66 and continues to work full time, Social Security taxes are still taken out of his weekly paycheck. Will this taxation for Social Security contribute more to the person's Social Security benefit, even if already retired? Signed: Curious Retiree

Dear Curious Retiree: Since its inception in 1935, Social Security has been a "pay as you go" program, where contributions from those who are working are used to pay benefits to those who are collecting Social Security benefits. That remains true even if, after you start collecting Social Security, you work and pay payroll taxes into the system.

Those Social Security payroll taxes you are contributing now aren't deposited into a personal account for you, they're used to help pay benefits to all recipients. So, paying Social Security FICA payroll taxes after you start collecting benefits doesn't affect your benefit payment. However, what might affect your benefit amount is if your current earnings from working are more than any of those in the 35 years used to originally compute your Social Security benefit when you filed.

When you apply for Social Security benefits, Social Security adjusts every year in your lifetime earnings record for inflation to bring those earlier earnings up to today's dollar values. They then select the 35 highest-earning years over your entire lifetime, and from those 35 highest-earning years they develop your "Average Indexed Monthly Earnings" or AIME. Your AIME, in turn, is used to compute your Social Security benefit at your full retirement age, or FRA.

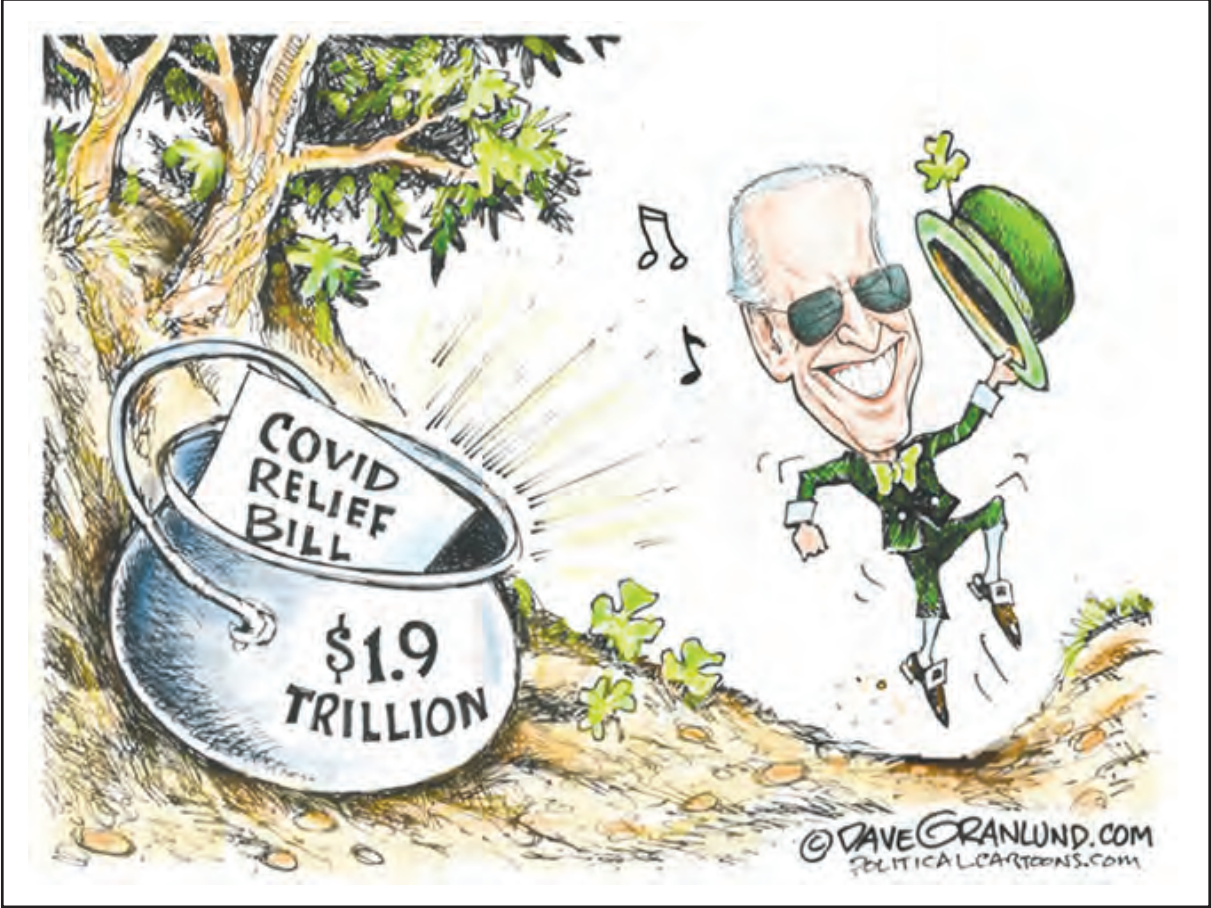
Social Security examines your earnings every year after your earnings for the previous year are reported to Social Security by the IRS. After your benefits have started, and if your current earnings are higher, Social Security will replace an earlier year's earnings with your more recent earnings and recompute your benefit, resulting in a small benefit increase. I use the term "small" because it would represent only 1/35th of the average lifetime earnings used to compute your benefit.

A key thing to remember is that each of your past year's earnings, up until you are 60, are adjusted for inflation before computing your benefit amount. So, for example, \$25,000 earned in 1990 is worth more than \$60,000 in today's dollars, and it is the inflation-adjusted amount that your current earnings would need to exceed increase in your benefit. I recently published an article on this topic which you may find helpful: [www.socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-does-paying-social-security-payroll-tax-increase-my-benefit/](http://www.socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-does-paying-social-security-payroll-tax-increase-my-benefit/).

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



In Past Pages

5 years ago (March 24, 2016)

The 2016 Boston Marathon is set to take place on Monday, April 18. Listed below are the local runners registered for the race. Joanne Bedard, age 50, of Rutland; Gary Circosta, age 69, of Rutland; Stephanie Hardy, age 36, of Barre; Jill Lacy, age 49, of Rutland; Daniel Somes, age 48, of Barre; Mark Wigler, age 67, of Hubbardston and Alissa Zbikowski, age 42, of Hubbardston.

Listed below are the local finishers from the 41st annual St. Patrick's Day Road Race, which took place in Holyoke on Sunday, March 19. Todd Kirton, Rutland, 55:01; Aaron Champagne, Rutland, 55:21; Jessica Oleski, North Brookfield, 55:43; Tabitha Earls, North Brookfield, 55:48; Shawn Whitney, North Brookfield, 1:09:09; and Maurice Fitzgerald, Hubbardston, 1:16:27.

The Oakham Fire Department purchased a Lucas2 machine. This electronically offers the most compact, lightweight and portable solution to maintain circulation in cardiac arrest patients. It will help them save more lives in the community. The fire department was able to purchase this life saving device because of fundraising events through the Oakham Fire Department Association and the department's general budget. The Oakham Fire Department Association would like to thank the generous people of Oakham and surrounding towns for their continued financial support at its golf tournaments, chicken barbecues and other fundraisers. With sincere appreciation, Gretchen Nahkala, EMT President, Oakham Fire Department Association.

10 years ago (March 24, 2011)

Quabbin Regional Middle School eighth-grader, Sophia Kornitsky, has been notified by the National Geographic Society that she is one of the semi-finalists eligible to compete in the 2011 Massachusetts Geography Bee, sponsored by Google and Plum Creek. Kornitsky won the Quabbin Middle School Geography Bee held on Jan. 5. She then had to take a 100-question qualifying exam, which was submitted to the National Geographic Society.

They decided they'd like to get together to put on a little talent show. And they did it. And all by themselves, says Student Advisory Council mentor Jay Mooney. The student advisory council is a voluntary group of five students who work with fellow students and teachers in an unofficial manner. Throughout the year membership on the council changes, offering a number of students to assume a student advisory role in each of three trimesters. The council at this time consists of Rachael Orsi, Nick Budreau, Kaitlin Burnham, Tori Zalouskas, and Megan Stolin.

The Oakham Council on Aging celebrated St. Patrick's Day in Fellowship Hall at the Oakham Congregational Church. The large audience was treated to special guests Ann O'Connell-Boucher

LOOK BACK

Baseball Victory - 2010



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Barre resident Ryan Walsh allowed just one unearned run in seven innings pitched to beat the Plymouth Mizuno Cardinals 3-1. Walsh's pitch count was 86 when the final pitch was thrown. Ryan plays for the Worcester Strike Zone central team out of Worcester. The team is a 13-year-old AAU team that consists of players from several towns in Worcester County. Walsh's catcher for the game was Brendan Roach of Hardwick. Ryan and Brendan have been playing baseball together for four years in the Quabbin Area Little League and are now both members of the Quabbin Middle School baseball team.

and 17 of her students of Irish Step Dancing performing a variety of Irish dances. In between each set, Mrs. Boucher provided cultural commentary on the outfits worn by the dancers and the history of dance in Ireland. Her students ranged in age from 5 to 17. The older more experiences girls wore velvet dresses embroidered by handmade Celtic symbols and handmade lace collars. The younger girls wore black vests, white shirts and green skirts while the young boy in the troupe wore green trousers, black vest, and white shirt with black tie. The program was partially funded by a grant from the Oakham Cultural Council, a local agency sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. After the performance, all guests were treated to a lunch of lasagna, meatballs and a St. Patrick's Day cake.

25 years ago (March 21, 1996)

Margaret Dymon, director of the Central Massachusetts School of Ballet, has been invited again by Kazumbe Nicholas – a director of dance of the Federation of St. Kitts-Nevis in Basseterre, British West Indies – to teach and work extensively with the children enrolled in the dance programs. While there she will also teach some of her company pieces to the dancers and these pieces will be performed in their dance festivals on the island of St. Kitts.

The following citizens were elected at the presidential primary to sit on the town political committees. Chosen to the Democratic committee were Mary Kenney, Barbara Corey, Anne Perkins, Arthur Perkins, Edward Jankauskas, Sharon Bassett, Kathleen Goudie, Karen Germond, Dorothy Smith,

Richard Moriarty and Robert Clark. Names receiving the most votes on the Republican slate were Richard Nickless, Barbara Nickless, Charlotte Kennan, Ruth Robinson, Nancy Baker, Robert Dillman, Jane Hein, Gregory and Sandra Larson.

Jessica Hubacz and Amanda Brousseau have been accepted by the People to People Student Ambassador Program to join the Worcester County delegation traveling to western Europe this summer. Jessica is the daughter of Frank and Joan Hubacz of North Brookfield and is a home-schooled student in the seventh grade. Amanda is the daughter of Mark and Joyce Brousseau of Barre, and is in the eighth grade at Quabbin Regional Middle School.

38 years ago (March 24, 1983)

While wandering around the Wartianinen Farm on Hardwick Road with his grandfather, Peter Wartianinen, Jr., 8 year old Adrian Chambers of Worcester, noticed a red deflated balloon with a silver streamer on it. He picked it up and found a card attached with a message printed in pencil. "I am a student at the Valley Stream School. If you find this card, please return to me at 15 Sheldon Place, Malverne, New York. This is a public school project." It was signed by David Siino. Mr. Wartianinen estimated that this balloon traveled about 175 miles. Adrian plans to write to David and perhaps some day we will learn more about this exciting discovery.

At a recent meeting the Barre Rescue Squad elected officers.

Guest Column

Trustees mourn passing of secretary

The Trustees of the Barre First Parish Church (The "Brown Church" on the Common) were as shocked and saddened as was the rest of the Town of Barre, upon learning of the passing of Lester Paquin. Lester, his parents and grandparents have all served the First Parish Church in various capacities for over 100 years, until it's closing in 1968.

Most recently, Lester has been Secretary to the Board of Trustees, which has continued to make charitable donations to local organizations. Lester will be greatly missed as a truly beneficent person.

The Board of Trustees  
Robert Bentley

Guest column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,  
This morning after my delicious breakfast of bacon bits I wandered into the living room and jumped up on the back of the couch to watch my birdies. Whoa, what is going on? There seems to be black things all over the snow in the yard, but they aren't moving so they can't be birds. Missy doesn't understand cat language so I can't ask her, but wait a minute. She is telling me the yard is full of pine cones, which blew off the trees during the night with that very strong wind and rain. There must be hundreds of them there. I know we have a lot of pine trees near the house, but I don't remember seeing so many cones before.

However, my birdies are eating their seeds this morning when the squirrels let them. Missy has just shoed those critters away from the feeders.

Hooray, tomorrow is dump day in this household and since Missy didn't go last week, the wastebaskets are really full and should be fun to tip over. I know I would be in big trouble if I tackled the big kitchen basket as there are egg shells, etc. in that one, which would really make a mess.

Missy won't enjoy my tipping over the other two, but they have only paper in them and no cans or sticky stuff. Whee, this is fun – one down and one to go. The computer room basket doesn't have much to spill out, but the bathroom basket is loaded.

Oh, boy more fun, but now that I have been naughty, I guess it is time to find a hiding place for awhile.

Take care folks this week and wear your masks. Sorry folks, but cats are exempt. Hooray, that's not nice.

Love,  
Gertrude



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# Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

We had some very pleasant above 32 degree days and we changed the clocks ahead one hour this week. Spring is on its way. I did get to rake a little in the front yard where the snow had melted and Ken burned two piles of brush. There is a lot more to do.

Sunday I was laying in bed thinking I had not made corn chowder for a while so when I got up I made a batch for lunch. After my mother died, my step-father, who was a very fussy eater, asked if I would make him a pot of corn chowder. The only thing he knew how to cook were baked beans and opening a can of soup so I was delighted to find something I could make for him. This time of year I use a can of cream-style corn and a corn of whole kernel. I never have cream on hand so I just use milk.

Looking through the Heywood Hospital Cookbook I found a recipe for the birds so thought I would use that this week. The birds are feeding heavily right now. We have two bird feeders and two suet feeders hanging in the flowering crab apple tree on the front lawn and

Ken really enjoys watching them and feeding them. I have been purchasing the suet cakes, but I may try to make these.

- Apples for the Birds
- 3 cups chopped apples, include core and seeds

2 cups shortening or bacon fat

1 cup packed brown sugar

1 cup chopped raisins

3 cups bread crumbs

1 cup rolled oats

1 cup peanut butter

Mixed sunflower seeds or bird seeds

Combine and mix all ingredients except shortening. Gradually add warmed liquid fat until mixture holds shape when rolled by hand. Press into loaf pans or paper lined muffin tins. Chill until firm. Hang in feed bag or suet holder. Refrigerate up to 3 days or freeze for months.

### This and That

Ken and I both had our two vaccine shots and I was thinking someone should make some buttons that say “I got my vaccine shots.” I guess you have to show your card if you go on an airplane.

I finally found at Walmart some elastic to make masks. For a while it was hard to find. Guess we will be making and using masks for a long time. Now if someone could invent something to keep my eyeglasses from fogging up.The girls at the local GFA bank are also looking for something.

Why don't they make ink cartridges to be refilled? I use so many of them and I do recycle them, but it would be nice if they were refillable. At one time they were made to be refilled.

I haven't started any seeds inside yet but have the containers and starter soil ready. I need to repot a couple of the houseplants also. I only got leaves on my amaryllis so I guess I won't be getting any flowers this year.

Mud season is here so Ken put the planks out for the cellar door area. All shoes get left by the door. I have special ones I wear outside only. I have a friend who is trying to teach his dog to wipe his feet before coming in, but he has not been very successful.

Have a good week and get a walk in when the weather permits.

## HARDWICK, continued from page 1

### Offer letter

After DPG concluded their presentation, Board of Selectman Chairman Kenan Young read a draft letter to be sent to the Board of Trustees at Eagle Hill School. The three-page letter signed by Young states, “the town is offering to pay Eagle Hill School a one-time, lump sum payment of \$1.8 million in full satisfaction of any funds that may be due and owing on the sewer extension agreement between the Town of Hardwick and Eagle Hill School, in lieu of continuing to grant the school credits against its sewer user fees.”

Young's letter states, “the force main has experienced numerous instances of blockage since its installation, leading to odor complaints, back-ups into abutting properties and an increasing frequency in the need for emergency repairs. According to the engineering consultant retained by the town, these problems are the result of several limitations with the existing Eagle Hill School Sewer System that do not meet industry design guidelines and standards, thus resulting in poor system performance. Consequently, it is recommended that a portion of the force main be replaced and that a new pump station be constructed.”

Young's letter continues, “It is estimated that this work will cost approximately \$3.8 million...The town has qualified for \$27,017,500 in federal and state funding to upgrade its entire wastewater treatment system, including the portions of the system that directly serve Eagle Hill School. The provision of those grant funds, however, is expressly contingent upon the town and Eagle Hill School restructuring their sewer use agreement.”

In the letter, Young states, “This issue has been discussed at public meetings of the Board of Selectmen, and at one such public informational meeting held on March 12, 2020, that was well attended (including USDA officials, state and local officials, residents and reporters), your Headmaster, Peter J. McDonald, represented that Eagle Hill School would accept a lump sum payment of \$1.8 million in lieu of continuing credits against Eagle Hill School's sewer user fees.”

### Rate structure

After reading the letter, Young turned the meeting over to Laurie Stevens, of RCAP Solutions. The town is working with RCAP to design a rate structure for commercial and residential sewer users. Stevens reviewed the past five years of expenses, comparing each year in order to project five years out. The rate projections she calculated for the annual cost of a single-family home was \$1,148, or a 15.4% increase. The projected annual cost for the same home would be \$1,292 (a 29.8% increase) without Eagle Hill School. Stevens said an almost 30% increase is “out of the affordability range.”

### Offer letter approved

Young asked Finance Committee members Cheryl Wolfe, Leon Small and Vincent Nastasi, how they felt about sending the letter to the trustees of Eagle Hill School. Small said he was a “little overwhelmed” by the information, but did not see how the town had any choice. The three Finance Committee members present agreed to send the letter.

Sewer Commissioners Benny Hanson and Liz Cyran both said the letter would not be well-received by the school.

Board of Selectmen member Julie Quink said she felt “sick to her stomach,” about delivering the letter to Eagle Hill School. She said she understood the importance of \$27 million to the town, but feels there is no transparency in this situation. “We're not being given a choice,” she said.

Board of Selectmen member Kelly Kemp felt this letter would ruin any chance of a working relationship between the town and Eagle Hill School. Young asked both Quink and Kemp for a motion to approve the delivery of the letter. Quink asked Young how he felt about the situation and he said, “it needs to be done, this is part of our conditions that we signed.”

USDA Community Programs Director Jennifer Lerch said the project cannot move forward unless they are out from under the existing contract with Eagle Hill School. At this point, a resident tried to comment, but Young said the board needed to vote and a letter needed to be sent.

Quink said it would be better to have a conversation, rather than send a letter with a 10-day response time. Quink said this letter would be like “sending a missile” into an already strained relationship. Young said “This is not a missile, this is an offer letter.” Kemp agreed that 10 days was insufficient time to make a major legal decision. Lerch said Eagle Hill School officials could request an extension after receiving the letter, if they needed more time. Both Lerch and Young said the Board of Selectmen needed to vote on sending this letter tonight.

Cofske said the letter “has no intention of trying to ruin a relationship. It is an offer, a fair offer.” Quink said she understood and appreciated what Cofske was saying, but it was a lot of information to take in. “I'm disappointed in the process. I was hoping it would be a cooperative process...I wish it didn't have to come down to this type of letter,” said Quink. Kemp said it is tiring to “get information at the twelfth hour constantly,” adding “if this is so critical there should be time to digest it.” The board approved the sending of the offer letter to the Eagle Hill School Board of Trustees.

### Public comments

Dr. PJ McDonald, Head of School at Eagle Hill School, questioned if the Eagle Hill addition has had anything to do with the plant failures in Gilbertville and Wheelwright. He said those plants were going to need upgrades regardless, and 90% of the money to be spent on this project had “nothing to do with Eagle Hill,” but rather those plants. McDonald said he is “shocked” that the USDA is going along with the “continued manipulation to change the agreement.” McDonald also disagreed with Young's statement in the offer letter about him agreeing to the \$1.8 million offer during a public meeting. “I did nothing of the sort, you know it,” he said.

McDonald said he has repeatedly asked to renegotiate the contract during executive session. Young said they cannot have executive sessions with McDonald, as town counsel advised against it.

McDonald also said he was concerned the other two selectmen were unaware of the situation until now. Young said both Quink and Kemp had been informed many times, and had been directed to contact Cofske for any concerns.

A newcomer to the Sewer Commission, Cyran, said “the taxpayers will take the hit on this. We have to rely on the experts... we are not saying Eagle Hill is the lynch pin, the USDA is.”

McDonald said the school prepaid their sewer fees for \$2.6 million, in addition to voluntarily placing 13 houses back on the tax roll, and he did not want the town to lose the money needed for the project. He said they went in “good faith” to the proposal with Tighe and Bond, which designed the system to include the school to the town's sewer system in 2014. Young said they never saw the Tighe and Bond design. McDonald said that Young's statement was a “complete revision of history.”

McDonald agreed to review the offer letter and Young said that was all they could ask at this point.

Stevens offered to go over the finances with McDonald, the USDA and town representatives. Cyran and Kemp asked to be included in these meetings.

Residents Devon Jurczyk and Erik Fleming both questioned if the existing Hardwick Center system was actually failing. Prickett said the system is not working and the back pressure valves installed were designed for water systems and are not sufficient. Jurczyk said one valve is not working and needs to be replaced, for which the town paid, but has yet to correct. Jurczyk also asked if the town has ever cleaned the flow meter. WPCF Superintendent Scott Potter said they have not cleaned the flow meter as there are no provisions stating that needs to be done. Fleming said this situation needs to be reviewed as there doesn't seem to be any oversight and it was possible it would not be necessary to “spend this much money to solve the problem.”

Cofske said “We rely on the experts,” and that everything DPC engineers do has to be approved by the state engineer. Cofske said the town will suffer if it does not fix the infrastructure. “We need to fix the line, we need to upgrade Wheelwright, we need to upgrade Gilbertville,” he said. “If we build up Gilbertville, in the end we build up the entire community.”

### Pumping station concerns

Resident Ann Barnes said the construction of a pumping station adjacent to the common came as a “complete surprise” to her as it is a historical district and also a wetland. Prickett said the pumping station had to be in the “general area,” but was open to a suggestion by a resident to locate it near the tennis courts adjacent to the Paige Memorial Library. Prickett explained that the structure would be a 12-foot x 16-foot building.

Prickett said the building could be designed to fit in with the historical architecture of other buildings on the Common. Hanson said people around the center of town would not “go for it.” Cofske said she understands, but she also thinks about the Gilbertville residents who have had to deal with sewer odors and how important this station would be to alleviate that issue.

# In My Backyard by Ellenor Downer

The red-winged blackbirds are back. My brother saw his first red winged blackbird of the season March 3. They nest in the shrubs around the pond that borders his Sutton home. I had two male red-winged blackbirds at my feeder March 8. One was eating from the thistle seed feeder. On March 14, I had eight red-winged blackbirds and one grackle at my feeder.

A Wheelwright resident emailed he has 18 to 22 red-winged blackbirds at a time in his yard. He said, “Yes, I have counted them feeding on the ground and some of the feeders.” He also had three cedar waxwings last weekend on an ornamental in his front yard. He had a great blue heron land in the wetland behind his house. He also saw six to seven antlerless deer in the field behind his house.

Red-winged blackbirds are 8 ½ inches long. The male is all black with a red shoulder patch bordered

by yellow. The female is brown above and heavily streaked brown below. She has a short-pointed bill and a buff to whitish eyebrow.

They eat insects and weed seeds. They come to bird feeders either singly or in large flocks for cracked corn and seed mixes. They inhabit marshes and meadows. Their song is a loud “okalee” and calls include “check” and “tseert.” Only the female makes a “ch' ch' ch' chee chee chee.”

The female lays three to five pale greenish blue eggs with dark marks in a nest of reeds and grasses lined with finer material, placed in reeds and grasses or shrubs. Males hold territories 1/8 to ¼ acre, which they defend by singing from perches with wings, spread open and red shoulder patches exposed. They can also conceal the red patch and show only the yellow border. Males are polygamous averaging three mates per breeding season. In winter, black-

birds have huge communal roosts.

### Other signs of spring

I am seeing robins in fields now most of the snow has melted. Although robins overwinter here, I think many of these robins have just come arrived from their southern winter grounds. The male American goldfinches are starting to show blotches of yellow feathers. Soon they will sport their breeding plumage - bright yellow, black wings and black head cap. The white wing bars they keep year round. I'm also seeing turkey vultures and flocks of Canada geese. I saw about two dozen Canada geese by the Ware River in Wheelwright.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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ing at Hardwick Elementary school, roof and window repair at Hardwick and \$48,900 for elevator repair at the Hubbardston Center School. The individual towns were responsible for those capital expenses. Duval said the food service director applied for grants for some cafeteria equipment.

Duval said the facilities budget had a 8.9% increase of \$284,468 due to hiring six extra custodians for COVID-19 cleaning and the chiller compressor. Technology infrastructure increased by 12.6% or \$65,560. Benefits went up \$1,298,796 or 25.3%. She said the Worcester Regional Retirement increase by \$86,623 and health insurance by 4.2%. School choice and charter tuition decreased

by 18.8% and special education instructional tuition decreased by 8.4%

Duval said l the school district used one million form Excess and Deficiency to reduce last year's budget. School choice funds paid for 15 teachers and four school choice buses. The current E & D balance was \$586,522.

Only New Braintree of the five member towns had a decrease in its local contribution. Resident enrollment for Barre was six less than last year, Hardwick had a 21 increase, Hubbardston had five more, New Braintree had 13 less and Oakham increased by three students. The total resident enrollment as of October was 1,845 the same number as the year before. Eighty-nine students school choice out and 13 attend charter schools, nine less than last year.

Duval said the preliminary

budget used the governor's budget, the only budget available at the time, to calculate state aid. She said the house budget should come out in April and the senate budget in May. Last year, the house finalized its budget in November and the senate in December.

### Other business

The school committee voted to admit Narragansett Regional School District to join the Keystone Educational Collaborative. They also approved approval of an additional trip to Galapagos Islands for February, 2022. A trip was approved for April, 2022. The additional trip would allow all the students, who want to go. The committee also approve an amendment to transportation in the school 2020-2021 reopening plan and the 2021-2022 school year calendar.

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article for right of way/easements for the town center project and to put money into the stabilization fund. He said the amount in stabilization effects the town's bond rating and since the town would be borrowing two million for the Hubbardston Center School roof,

it was important to have a good bond rating. The center school elevator also needed repairs estimated at \$48,000.

Since the town would have a reduction in debt for 2024-2025 he recommended earmarking that savings toward purchasing a fire truck in 2025. He said the select board asked the Capital Improvement Committee to look

into building a public safety building and presenting at town meeting.

McLane said there may be additional federal aid and possible income from the Community Host Agreement for the cannabis outdoor grow at Gardner Road. He said over five years the town could use that money toward a new ambulance.

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weekly pool testing, but it would implement it with the increased number of students in the building and extra days. Participation in the COVID-19 pool testing was voluntary. The superintendent said, the increased school population would also increase the need to quarantine. Teacher office hours at the middle/high school would change from Tuesday through Friday from 12:50-2:05 p.m. to Monday through Friday from 1:30-2:05 p.m. The week at a glance would continue. Middle and high school students instead

of taking home a lunch would have lunch at school and take home breakfast for the next day like the elementary students.

Superintendent Muir proposed bringing back all middle/high school back to five-days on Monday, March 29. Sixth graders would be included in this plan. She said students would gain 49.5 hours of in person instruction and “the sooner we get students in for in person the better.”

Changes at the elementary level if more students returned would include higher bus capacity and possible under six foot distancing in some cases.

Evan Barringer of the Teacher

Advisory Council and a middle/high school teacher said he and probably many teachers would prefer to start April 28 as outlined by DESE rather than the school's proposed date of March 29. He said all teachers would be fully vaccinated against COVID at the time instead of just one shot. The school hosted a COVID-19 vaccine clinic Tuesday, March 16.

Following discussion and answering questions from listeners through the chat room, the school committee voted to to allow the administration to implement the recommendations of the superintendent with two members voting no.

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This week’s mystery photo is from Oakham. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, March 22. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week’s edition. Gary Brigham, Dick Clark, Stephen Craven, Barbara Kempinski, Evelyn Luukko, Bruce Towner and Jeremy Varnun correctly identified the photo. Last week’s photo was North Brookfield Savings Bank building on Summer Street in North Brookfield.

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came from federal wildlife and sport fish restoration funds. State mandated expenses such as salaries and health insurance amount for 20% or nearly \$3.5 million of the \$18.4 million in expenses for fiscal 2021, more than what the Division pays for its hatcheries, which is nearly \$2.5 million, or land acquisition and maintenance, which is roughly \$2 million. Thirty-three percent, or roughly \$6 million, is used for habitat management.

Proposed Hunting and Fishing License Fees 2022 (Source: MassWildlife)

- Resident fishing (17 and older) - \$40
- Resident fishing (65-69) - \$20
- Resident fishing 3-day - \$20
- Non-resident fishing - \$50
- Non-resident minor fishing (15-17) - \$8
- Non-resident 3-day fishing - \$30.50
- Resident trapping - \$40
- Resident trapping (65-69) - \$20
- Non-resident trapping - \$215
- Resident hunting - \$40
- Non-resident big game - \$112
- Non-resident small game - \$78
- Resident sporting - \$75
- Resident sporting (65-69) - \$37.50
- Trap registration number/renewal - \$20
- Archery stamp - \$20
- Primitive firearms stamp - \$20
- Waterfowl stamp - \$20
- Antlerless deer permit - \$20
- Turkey permit - \$20
- Bear permit - \$20
- Pheasant and quail stamp - \$20

“We have been very fiscally responsible,” Tisa said of the management of MassWildlife, pointing to the fact that licenses haven’t increased in 25 years. He said had license fees kept with the rate of inflation, hunters and anglers would be paying \$37.52 today (in addition to the \$5 wildland stamp fee).

A major issue leading to the declining revenues is the decline in hunting and sporting (combination hunting and fishing) licenses, which Tisa said is about 50 percent for hunting licenses and roughly 20 percent for sporting licenses. Additionally, the state now issues in excess of 27,000 free licenses to sportsmen and women aged 70 and older each year, resulting in a loss of about \$1 million in non-reimbursable funds.

This year alone, Tisa estimates a budget gap of \$1.5 million between revenue and expenses, which will be made up by tapping into the roughly \$9.5 million in the state’s Inland Fish and Game Fund. At the current trajectory, MassWildlife will have a \$4.1 million revenue gap and deplete the balance of the Inland Fish and Game Fund by fiscal 2025.

‘Path Forward’

“The challenge is finding a path forward,” Tisa said. “We only have so many tools in our tool box,” noting that the license fee structure is the one tool the Department of Fish and Game and MassWildlife controls.

Under the new proposal, res-

idents would pay \$40 for hunting, fishing and trapping licenses. Sporting licenses would increase from \$40 to \$75. Archery and primitive firearms stamps would increase from \$5.10 to \$20. All other hunting stamps and permits would increase from \$5 to \$20. Additionally, MassWildlife is proposing a new stamp for pheasant and quail hunting at \$20.

“We don’t like the idea at all,” Tisa said. “It’s unfortunate it’s happening at a difficult time,” but the proposal should sustain the Inland Fish and Game Fund until fiscal 2030.

Tisa and Fish and Game Commissioner Ron Amidon said that the state legislature would need to address other changes, whether they be reimbursing for free licenses, imposing fees on other “non-consumptive” public land users like bird watchers or kayakers, or increasing funding. Unfortunately, they told those in attendance March 9, neither one of them can lobby legislators for such changes. That, they said, is incumbent upon individual residents.

Mixed reaction

Reaction to the proposal has been mixed. While most seem to understand the issues at hand, increasing the cost of licenses is an added expense for no added benefits in the field. Some expressed disappointment that there is little bass management taking place statewide, others that hunters seem to be taking the brunt of the increases. Georgetown resident Bob Pasquale asked if there had been any thought to adding a trout stamp, as anglers are able to use their licenses essentially 24/7, 365 days a year.

Tisa said they had considered such a stamp, however it would likely create more problems, particularly with enforcement and fish mortality rates. He noted that unlike states, such as Virginia, which have few trout-stocked waterbodies, nearly all of Massachusetts’ freshwater resources are stocked with

trout. And, unlike pheasant or quail hunters, who can easily identify a flushing pheasant or quail from a ruffed grouse or a non-game species, anglers typically have no idea what fish took the bait on the other end of the line.

“Everyone walking a dog on a wildlife management area [during hunting season] is interfering with a hunt,” Norwood resident Steve Flaherty said, expressing concerns during the March 9 session. “We need somebody at the state level advocating for us.”

Amidon and Tisa said they need residents to advocate the legislature for changes, whether it be funding, access or enforcement. They also reminded those on the call that should the new license fee schedule move forward, there will be public hearings. Any resident wishing to provide input on the proposals are invited to direct comment electronically at mass.gov/masswildlife-funding or by sending mail to MassWildlife re: License Fee, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581.

‘Make it easy’

While he was unable to attend the information session, Chicopee sportsman Nelson Molina, who has been hunting for the last three years, expressed his frustration that the state seems to be making it harder for folks to enter the woods legally, especially those in urban communities.

“How do you make [hunting] appealing to people who have never hunted?” Molina asked, noting his own struggles as a new hunter trying to learn everything from safe firearm handling to where to go.

“I ate pheasant for the first time in my life this year and it’s not as crazy people make it seem,” he said.

Molina said the issue, from his perspective, is a tricky one as the state has only gotten more restrictive with gun laws and the free, mandatory hunter education (required for new hunters) courses are almost non-existent in Western Massachusetts. He said he paid to take the Texas hunter education program online because he couldn’t find a course in Massachusetts that fit his schedule. He said more programs should be offered online and locally in order to remove barriers to accessibility.

“You have to make it easy,” Molina said. “People don’t want to do work.”

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## Quabbin football games to be played away on turf

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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BARRE – While students and fans alike are looking to Quabbin Regional High School to play football this school year, they will not get to see any of the games played at home.

This year, Quabbin will be forced to move most of their games to Gardner High School in order to play in the six-team pod they have been placed in for the shortened

season, known as “Fall 2.”

Athletic Director Mark Miville said this week the conditions are simply not good enough to play games at Quabbin High School’s grass football field, and the decision was made to move the games to Gardner High School, which has an artificial turf field.

“All of our games will be at Gardner on their turf field,” said Miville. “Our field is not going to be good enough until April to train on. It would be a mess. The

only exception is our April 9 game against Lunenburg.”

Quabbin’s season will not be six weeks like several other schools. The season will last just five weeks.

“We decided to go with that to allow all teams an opportunity to get enough hitting practices at the turf fields to be ready to go,” said Miville.

The Fall 2 season opened up at the beginning of the month, though football practices leading up to the season typically last about 3 weeks.

The other factor in delaying the start of the season is the six-team pod. This means Quabbin has five opponents within its pod and will play each opponent one time, as is typical in a football season. With the exception of the playoff consolation games played during the past several years, teams do not typically see another team more than once.

The games taking place at Gardner or Lunenburg High School will allow fans per the restrictions recently lifted under Gov. Charlie

Baker’s re-opening plan.

According to Miville, each player will receive two spectator passes for parents.

The Quabbin administration is responsible for the number of spectators that make their way to either site to see games.

This season, Quabbin will meet Gardner, Narragansett, Ayer-Shirley, Lunenburg, and Murdock.

In 2019, Quabbin switched from playing Lunenburg to Gardner the night before Thanksgiving. The

Panthers get to see both teams during the shortened season. All games will be streamed online for fans not able to attend games in-person.

There will be no playoffs following the short season and the school will immediately transition to spring sports, which will also include wrestling.

Indoor track will also take place during the Fall 2 season, with meets scheduled to take place outdoors in April, Miville said.

## Pioneers prepare for spring gridiron



Pathfinder's defense works during practice last week.

PALMER – The Pathfinder Regional High School football team finally took the fields this month after seeing the season delayed from the fall. Pathfinder is set to open up the season this weekend and will play a six-week campaign.

**Quarterback Jordan Talbot rears back to attempt a pass.**

Photos by David Henry  
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**Austin Lagimoniere makes the catch on a pass.**



Quarterback Jordan Talbot makes a long pass attempt.

## Sectional tournament returns in spring season

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REGION – After a year without any type of high school tournaments due to the COVID-19 restrictions in place, a spring tournament is scheduled to take place in 2021.

As of now, it is believed that the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association will prepare for the traditional three-season format, and that traditional format will include a change to a state-wide tournament and the elimination of the sectional tournament.

The 2020-2021 school was set to be the last year for the sectional tournaments after a vote last year to change the format of the tournament. Now the spring will feature sectional tournaments only following a recent vote by the MIAA.

There was an emphasis to try to bring back a tournament for the spring season after players missed out on an entire season last year and the MIAA did not want that to happen two years in a row.

The entire spring season was delayed multiple times before Gov. Charlie Baker closed down schools in late April for the remainder of the school year. The closure effectively cancelled the sport season as it was deemed not safe to play.

The MIAA thus far has gone with a four-season format, including a bubble or “wedge” season to fit sports in that were not played in the first two seasons. Known as Fall 2, a variety of sports are being played right now, though football is the primary sport being played over the next several weeks. But Belchertown and Monson are also playing basketball. South Hadley and Southwick are among teams playing girls volleyball. Indoor track is also being played. However, there will be no tournaments played during the Fall 2 season, which is set to conclude at the end of April.

The spring season, which usually begins in mid-March and ends in mid-June, will go from the beginning of May with a cut-off of July 3 to finish the season.

In order to limit travel, the MIAA did not want to have the state tournament, and have decided sectional tournaments can take place. As of now, the tournament is set to take place at home fields of higher seeds, with no neutral sites being used. However, with the vaccination effort accelerating, restrictions could lift as the next two months progress, allowing high school sports a bit more freedom.

Spring sports to be played include baseball, softball, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, boys tennis, girls tennis, boys track, girls

## Sign-ups now open for Quabbin Area Little League

BARRE – The Quabbin Area Little League baseball/softball organization has announced sign-ups are now open. You can go to [www.quabbinll.com](http://www.quabbinll.com) through April 1 to sign up. The costs for baseball are as follows: T-Ball - \$50, Youth Minor - \$65, Minor Kid Pitch - \$75, and Major Kid Pitch - \$85. The softball costs are: 8U Instructional - \$50, 10U Minor Kid Pitch - \$65, 13U Major Kid Pitch - \$85. There are \$10 discounts for multiple family member registrations and financial assistance is available for those in need.

There are also volunteer opportunities available. Help the league by coaching as a head or assistant coach, volunteer to assist with field maintenance, or many other tasks that help the entirely volunteer-run organization operate. Have questions about registering or volunteering? Email [qalld3ma@gmail.com](mailto:qalld3ma@gmail.com) for more information.

## Quabbin Valley Baseball set to return in 2021



Submitted photos

The Quabbin Valley Baseball League is set to return this season.

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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SOUTH HADLEY – Last year, COVID-19 concerns caused the cancellation of several adult recreational baseball leagues.

With increasing vaccinations and protocols in place, the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, a league for players 28 and over,

will return with a full season beginning at the end of April.

League President Eric Castonguay, who also serves as the athletic director at South Hadley High School, held a league-wide meeting on Sunday morning via Zoom to go over changes that will be in place to play the 2021 season and discuss the status of the six teams for the



Sign-ups for the league are ongoing and the league is in need of new players for the 2021 season.

2021 season.

The six-team league is a strictly Sunday, 10 a.m. league. All games are played at that time for 15 weeks beginning April 25 and ended in mid-August. There are Sundays off for the Memorial Day and Fourth of July holiday.

The league was going to attempt a shortened season last year when Massachusetts went

through the initial stages of its re-opening plan, but a few teams dropped out prior to the beginning, effectively cancelling the entire season.

This year, all six teams are back and on board, but there is a need for some new blood into the

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Women’s Fund sponsors leadership

**HOLYOKE** – The Women’s Fund of Western Massachusetts sponsors an eight-week spring training program at Holyoke Community College aimed at women, who want to enhance their leadership skills.

The course, “Women Leaning Into Leadership: Empowering Your Voice,” is being offered over Zoom Thursdays from noon-1:15 p.m. on March 25 through May 13.

Beyond that, each program participant will receive 30 minutes of private, one-on-one coaching from the instructor, Annie Shibata Ph.D., owner of Growth Mindset Leadership and Communication

Coaching. The cost of the eight-week program is \$799, but the Women’s Fund of Western Massachusetts is offering sponsorships of up to \$650 to each qualified participant.

“One of priorities at the Women’s Fund is to help facilitate parity in positions of power and leadership,” said Monica Borgatti, chief operating officer of the Women’s Fund of Western Massachusetts. “We would like to see more women in leadership positions across the region, and we are proud to partner with HCC on a program designed to help women

become more effective leaders.”

This course, along with HCC’s monthly Women’s Leadership Luncheon Series, is targeted to emerging leaders in mid-career and to women working to become more effective in their jobs and in the community.

During the program sessions, participants will learn to evaluate their communication skills and apply new communication techniques; practice the power of mindfulness; distinguish forms of influence and persuasion to create powerful messages; assess their leadership strengths; and create short- and long-term plans for

career development.

“We’re really happy to announce this new collaboration with the Women’s Fund of Western Massachusetts as we work together to develop women leaders in our community,” said Michele Cabal, HCC executive director of Business, Corporate and Professional Development. “The partnership makes sense as we share a common mission of working to help others achieve their goals.”

Enrollment for the course is limited by design. To register and apply for a sponsorship, people may go to [hcc.edu/women-leaning](http://hcc.edu/women-leaning).

Credit for Life program goes virtual

**WARE** – Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, announced it has partnered with eight local banks to transform the Credit for Life program from an on-site event to a virtual event. Credit for Life, a popular financial literacy program, has been offered for more than a decade within many Massachusetts public schools.

With most, if not all, schools adopting a virtual learning model for students, Credit for Life organizers connected last summer to explore a virtual experience in 2021. As part of the virtual transformation, organizers enlist-

ed FitMoney.org, a non-profit financial literacy organization, to serve as the key fiscal agent and Stackpole & Partners of Newburyport, for the design and implementation of an interactive website. Contributing partners are Country Bank, Institution for Savings, Cape Cod 5, Bay Coast Bank, HarborOne Bank, The Savings Bank, Rockland Trust and Westfield Bank.

During the half day online Credit for Life Fair, students will assume the role of a 25-year-old adult and be asked to make financial decisions on how to spend their money. “The Credit for Life Fair is one of the most import-

ant and impactful events we offer every year,” stated Jodie Gerulaitis, vice president of community relations at Country Bank. “We are honored to be able to partner with other local banks to make the fair a reality again for students. The interactive website is a tool that educators and others can use in the current learning environment. Teachers are being asked to do so much right now, this is just one small way we can offer our support.”

Development of the website is in the final stages; the group is hopeful that the site will be ready for use by high schools towards the end of March. In addition, the part-

nership group is also in the process of establishing a 501c3 that will allow for the ability to raise funds and plan for future school financial literacy initiatives similar to credit-forlife.org.

For more information, people may contact Jodie Gerulaitis, vice president of community relations at 800-322-8233 or [jgerulaitis@countrybank.com](mailto:jgerulaitis@countrybank.com).

Country Bank is a full-service mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton and Worcester.

MWCC opens International Center for Promotion of Diversity and Inclusion

**GARDNER** – Mount Wachusett Community College celebrated Martin Luther King Day with a virtual grand opening and ribbon cutting of the International Center for the Promotion of Diversity and Inclusion.

Joining the celebration was keynote speaker, Asher Hamilton, student engagement coordinator with Cape Cod Community College. They received their MA in Intercultural Communications, emphasizing Women’s Health, Feminist Pedagogy and Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Youth Identity and Black Feminist thought to round things out. Currently, Hamilton is carrying out exten-

sive research on micro-aggressions in academic settings in a post-Trump America and their impact on student performance and identity.

“We owe our students of color an ability to tell their narrative, their story, that presents their full 100% self and also the stories of the communities from which they come” noted Hamilton. “A cultural center drives this sense of identity development and belongingness.”

The highlight of the event was the ribbon cutting by MWCC Academic Counselor Shaunti Phillips and her family, children Dontay (9), Sianna (7), Donovan (4), and Syeira (13)

and husband Demetrice Phillips.

“The reality is that we have a long way to go, but opportunities like this, where we can come together as a community to truly listen to one another and to hear the experiences and to recognize the importance of an International Center that emphasizes the diversity in our community is a step forward” stated MWCC President, James Vander Hooven. “I am thankful that we are finally to the day of this opening, to have the opportunity for space for students to be able to share their experiences is a step toward the goal of making every inch of the MWCC campus a welcoming space for our students and our community.”

HCC spring session III classes start March 29

**HOLYOKE** – It’s not too late to sign up for spring session classes at Holyoke Community College.

The final round of HCC’s Spring Flex Start series - Spring Session III - begins Monday, March 29, and runs for seven weeks. All spring semester courses conclude by Wednesday, May 12.

Students who enroll for Spring Session III have the opportunity to take a variety of different classes in a wide array of academic areas and can earn as many as four credits per course for a lab science, such as biology or forensic science.

These accelerated spring courses are being offered in anatomy and physiology, anthropology, biology, communication, Earth science, education, engineering, English, English

as a Second Language, forensic science, history, human services, marketing, math, nutrition, philosophy, political science, psychology, social science and sociology.

HCC will continue to offer multiple start dates during the fall 2021 semester. Most spring session classes are still either fully online or “blended remote,” which means they include both asynchronous lessons and real-time virtual instruction. A full list of classes for spring session II and III can be viewed at [hcc.edu/spring](http://hcc.edu/spring).

For more information or to apply, people may go to [hcc.edu/apply](http://hcc.edu/apply), call 413-552-2321, send an email to [admissions@hcc.edu](mailto:admissions@hcc.edu) or go to the HCC website ([hcc.edu](http://hcc.edu)) and click on the “Chat Now” box.

Holden Grange offers scholarship

**HOLDEN** – The Holden Grange offers the W. Sumner and Howard L. Jordan Scholarship in the amount of \$800 to a graduating high school senior or to a student in attendance at any recognized institution of learning beyond high school, who has not received this scholarship previously.

An applicant, who does not belong to Holden Grange, must reside in Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, or Sterling and be pursuing a course of study in agriculture/horticulture, veterinary science or conservation/environment. A Holden Grange member in good standing for at least one year preceding the date of application is eligible to pursue any course of study.

The scholarship recipient will be named in June and funds will be awarded to the applicant upon successful completion of the first semester with at least a 3.0 grade point average.

An application in the form of a letter of intent, stating future educational goals and a description of three community activities or three Grange activities in which the applicant is involved, must be accompanied by an official transcript and a letter of recommendation. All parts of the application must be postmarked by May 1 to Holden Grange, 26 Glenwood Place, Rutland, MA 01543.

For more information on this scholarship or the Grange in general, people may contact 508-886-2341 or [holdengranger78@gmail.com](mailto:holdengranger78@gmail.com).

**SPRING TOURNAMENT** continued from page 7 track, and boys volleyball. Wrestling is also scheduled to take place this spring.

One other caveat to the spring modifications is that teams eliminated from postseason play, can play games against other non-qualifiers through the end of the spring season.

Spring teams are used to a rushed season due to the typical unpredictable end to the winter and conditions on fields. However, with the spring sports beginning in May, field conditions should be ideal to begin games as soon as teams are ready.

College Dean's Lists

Jared Landry makes University of Minnesota Twin Cities dean’s list

**M I N N E A P O L I S / ST. PAUL, MINN.** – The University of Minnesota Twin Cities announced its 2020 fall semester. Jared Landry of Rutland, a sophomore in the College of Science and Engineering, mad the dean’s list. To qualify for the dean’s list, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

UMass Lowell dean’s list

**LOWELL** — The University of Massachusetts Lowell announces its dean’s list for the fall 2020 semester. Local students making the dean’s list at UMass Lowell are: Gregory Overstreet of Barre, majoring in information technology; Phillip Brooks of Hubbardston, majoring in public health and Joshua Arcikowski of Oakham, majoring in history.

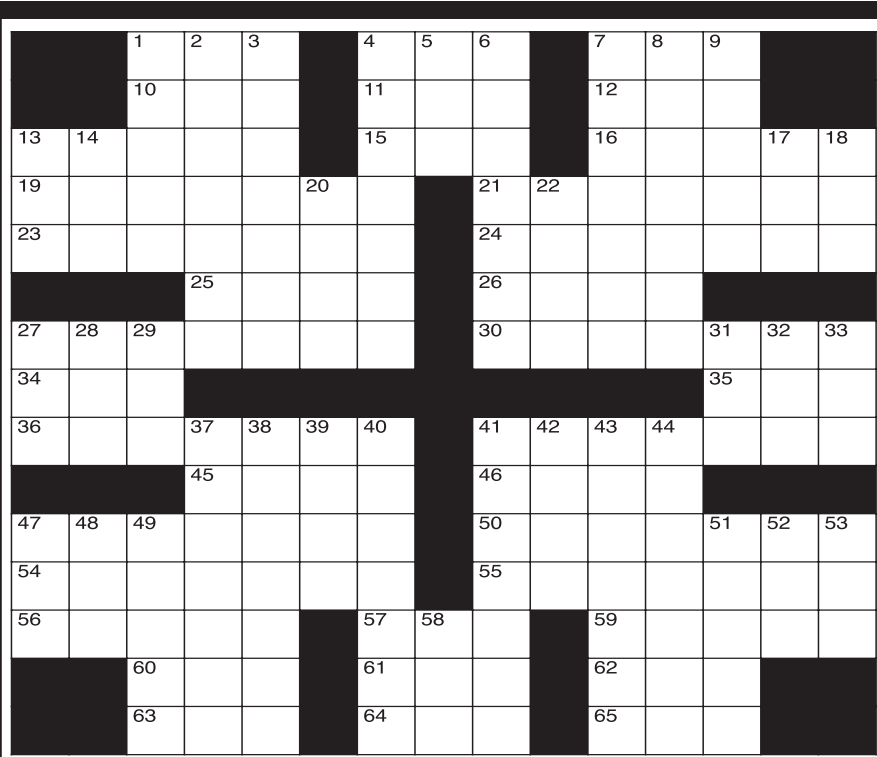
Leah Arum makes UConn dean’s list

**STORRS, CONN.** – The University of Connecticut announces the 2020 fall dean’s list. Local student making the dean’s list is Teah Arum of Rutland.

At the end of each semester the dean of each school and college names to the dean’s list those students who were registered for at least 12 credits calculable for grade points, received no grade below “C” including the actual letter grade awarded in any course under the pass/fail option, earned at least 3.0 times as many grade points as the number of calculable credits recorded by the registrar and were in at least the upper quartile of their school or college.

Seamus Higgins makes dean’s list

**CHICOPEE** – The College of Our Lady of the Elms named Seamus Higgins of Rutland to the dean’s list for the fall 2020 semester. To qualify for the dean’s list, a full-time student must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher, without incompletes.



- CLUES ACROSS**

1. \_\_\_ ft: popular genre

4. Curved shape

7. Defunct airline

10. Beverage receptacle

11. Corporate bigwig

12. Belong to he

13. They cover cuts

15. Cost per mille

16. Walk into

19. Power-producing machine

21. Part of one's character perceived by others

23. Emotionally appealed to

24. Protected

25. Wrestling icon

26. Thailand's former name

27. Muscle weaknesses

30. Chooses
- CLUES DOWN**

1. Frighten

2. Partner to corned beef

3. Parts

4. Agrees to a demand

5. Elected official

6. Navigator's tool

7. Relating to heat

8. Attractive

9. Wealthy US merchant

13. Engine additive

14. A passage with access only at one end

17. Midway between northeast and east

18. Cool!

20. Brazilian NBAer

22. NW Pennsylvania city

27. Young dog

28. Mimic

29. Large truck

31. The NFL's Newton
32. One and only

33. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo

37. Julie \_\_, actress

38. More nourishing

39. Compound

40. A small carrier attached to the side of a motorcycle

41. Object of fear or alarm

42. \_\_ Ladd, actor

43. Sacred place

44. A way to express enjoyment

47. Trigonometric function

48. A team's best pitcher

49. Intersecting points

51. Roundishly shaped

52. Adam's partner

53. God of battle (Scandinavian)

58. Human hormone

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It was ten years ago that the Barre Golden Age Club became a reality because of the interest and determination of four ladies, all members of the Barre Grange No. 9. Each year, in March, they have their Founder's Day to honor Mrs. Alice Darling, Mrs. Grace Fritscher, Mrs. Eva Rich and the late Mrs. Norah Jacobs.

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# Church News

## Local pastors offer sermons

### Still No Repentance Pt. 2

As was noted last week, the Book of Revelation presents-in vivid detail-a future period of cataclysmic judgment that will immediately precede the Second Coming of Christ (Rev. 6-16). This future age will be characterized by unprecedented warfare, famine, plague and affliction, death, astronomical upheaval and more. If you thought 2020 was horrific, it will be nothing compared to this time of tribulation.

We also noted something quite tragic concerning this prophetically-revealed future period. Namely, humanity will remain unrepentant before God no matter what transpires. In other words, a great many will not relent of their evil ways despite the extreme penalty suffered for them. Instead, they will persist in wickedness despite every awakening attempt of the Lord (i.e., the purpose of earthly judgment). Such precepts were evidenced using the following portions of Scripture:

#### Revelation 9:20-21

20 The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood-idols that cannot see or hear or walk. 21 Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

#### Revelation 16:8-11

8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. 9 They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him. 10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony 11 and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

As we transition to the second installment of this series you may be thinking to yourself: “If God had but chosen a softer way to reach out, men and women would have certainly repented.” I would caution you to be careful not to elevate your wisdom over that of the Lord, as the stream cannot rise higher than its source! Yet to prove that many will persist in sin no matter what God does, let us note the following passage from the Gospel record:

#### Matthew 11:20-24

20 . . . Jesus began to denounce the towns in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent. 21 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades. For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. 24

But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”

The four Gospels (i.e., Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) present-in vivid detail-the record of the life and ministry of Jesus at His First Coming nearly two-thousand years ago. This moment in history was the supreme demonstration of God’s love and desire for humanity, characterized by unprecedented pardon, compassion and the working of the miraculous. This was an era wherein the lost were found, the dead were raised, the blind were made to see and the deaf to hear, the lame were made whole, and the multitudes fed! What would I give to have personally witnessed any moment of the earthly ministry of Christ!

Yet we see something quite tragic in the midst of this biblically-revealed period. Namely, humanity remained unrepentant before the Lord no matter what transpired. A great many would not relent of their evil ways despite the overwhelming manifestation of God’s grace in and through Jesus. Instead, large swaths of men and women chose to reject Jesus and His message despite every awakening attempt (i.e., the purpose of His compassionate ministry). Once again, this is evidenced in the remarks of Christ Himself:

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Why am I touching upon so somber a topic (again)? Allow me to again posit the following principles:

1) This is Informative Concerning the Fallen Condition of Man

In every era of human history-past, present and future-a portion of humanity will foolishly persist in the willful rejection of God. Many are resolute in their stubbornness, hard-heartedness, rebellion, obstinacy, self-deception and pride, being what the Bible calls “stiff-necked” (Acts 7:51). This principle remains true whether the Lord extends the hand of judgment or the hand of mercy.

2) This is Informative Concerning the Character of God

God is good in His willingness to show mercy to the penitent. He is also good in His faithfulness to send prophetic voices that call us to repent! Yet this does not mean He will put-off judgment forever. As has been established in recent publications, the Lord will not compromise His standards to appease our sinful inclinations (Psalm 2). Let us accept His offer of mercy and call upon Him while He may be found (Isaiah 55:6-7).

3) This is Informative Concerning Our Current Season

2020-2021 has been a brutal season. You do not need me to delineate the challenges of this moment in history. Last week I called you to consider the question: “Could the happenings of our generation be a divine attempt to awaken us to a genuine repentance?” It is my prayer that the severity of His judgment has stirred you to some humility before Him.

Yet if the threat of judgment will not move you, what about the reality of His kindness (Rom. 2:4)? I would ask you to prayerfully reflect upon the last year. Can you not see His hand operating in your darkest hours? Can you not look back and recognize His nearness or some moment of peace that transcended all understanding? Can you not perceive even one moment of His strengthening beyond your human limitations? Remember that when you look back upon your life and see only one set of footprints, it was then that He carried you! Let such realities drive you to Him.

I close with the following question...

What does the Lord have to do to bring you to a place of repentance? Do not be like those of the tribulation who will scorn the Lord in a season of judgment OR like those who spurned the goodness of God during the ministry of Christ. Rather, take the Lord at His invitation:

#### Isaiah 1:18

18 “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord.

“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

Call me crazy, but I believe that God is still faithful to His Word:

#### 2 Chronicles 7:14

14 “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Feel free to check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us in person each Sunday at 10:30am (COVID-19 protocols are presented on the aforementioned website). We hope to see you soon!

**Pastor James Foley**  
*New Life Assembly of God  
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### Fourth Sunday of Lent “Light has Come into the World”

*Our services can be found on our website at [www.barrechurch.com](http://www.barrechurch.com) and Facebook page.*

#### Scripture Reading: John 3 v 14 - 21

##### I. Introduction:

Sometimes we meet someone, whom we work with, do things together with, and it is when the person leaves our space... maybe we stop doing things together, when we realize we remember specific things about that person, but that we never really got to know each other that well.

It is clear to me that Jesus was and still is a significant and historic person, and the Son of God,

but during His time on earth, He may not have been known intimately by many, either because they did not take the time to get to know Him, or were too afraid of His message, and what He represented, or maybe they did not always understand His message and the way He communicated? Let’s have a look this morning whether we see some of that in our scripture reading.

II. Earthly and heavenly things

Our passage is preceded by Jesus’ interaction with Nicodemus, member of the Jewish

Ruling Council, who remarked to Jesus that He, Jesus, must be coming from God, since He was performing all these miraculous signs. Jesus does not give Him a clear answer, but rather talked to Him about the Kingdom of God, and what it takes to see the Kingdom of God. Anyone who wants to see the Kingdom of God, needs to be born again. No, not as in the physical rebirth, as Nicodemus understood Him to say, but a rebirth by the Spirit of God. He challenged Nicodemus, that as a Rabbi he does not understand what He, Jesus was talking about, because He talked about heavenly things, and that not every earthly leader understood this heavenly language. In fact, they do not even listen when He talks about earthly things. How would they understand the heavenly things? Nicodemus, a devout Jewish leader, who stood there as a Rabbi, listening to another Rabbi, Jesus, did not need more lessons from the law, but a radical rebirth, says Leon Morris.

Jesus must have constantly felt that He only had a short time to bring the Good News to those who followed Him. He became a threat to the leaders of the time, so He performed those amazing miracles, but when it came to His teaching, He spoke in parables, or metaphors, or He answered certain questions indirectly, in ways it was hard for those who challenged Him, to understand. Those who had ears to hear would hear and understand, but those who did not would remain deaf. Every time He answered these challenging questions, however, it came with lessons about life and love and light and goodness.

III. A Light was sent into the world.

So, after the conversation with Nicodemus, we see John address the issue of Jesus’ identity.

He wants to show that Jesus is the Son of God, sent to this world, so the world would not perish, but have eternal life. He starts by referring to Moses in the Old Testament, who, when the Israelites were bitten by serpents, was summoned by Yahweh to build a bronze serpent, lift it up for the people to look at and be healed. In the same way, the Son of Man must be lifted up, and everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life. These are such interesting and complex metaphors, but not so for the Rabbi’s and Jews at the time, like Nicodemus. They understood these examples and symbols, and were confronted with their own religious beliefs, by the One who came to declare that He was the Son of God.

See **SERMONS**, page 10

# Obituaries

## Lester W. Paquin, 63

BARRE – Lester W. Paquin, 63, a lifelong resident of Barre, noted town historian and zealous advocate for Veterans’ causes, died suddenly on March 11, 2021.

He was a 1975 graduate of Quabbin Regional High School and Mount Wachusett Community College. Lester was dedicated to many causes including honoring and assisting Veterans. He worked to bring Veterans memorials to Washington D.C. and Worcester and wrote a play, “Memorial: David’s Peace,” which depicts loved ones of a soldier killed in 1968 as they meet at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and recall their memories of him. For many years, Lester offered detailed programs about the “Titanic,” “Lusitania” and “Andrea Dorea.” He also offered presentations about the Lipizzaner Stallions, Seven Houses of God in Barre, the Naramore family tragedy and portraits of local Civil War figures.

Lester served as a member of the Barre Historical Commission, Historical Society, Library Association and Library Trustees, holding offices for some of the organizations. He served as Secretary of the Massachusetts Vietnam Veterans Board of Directors, was a longtime director of the Barre Senior Center



and was active for many years with the Barre Players. He worked as an editor and writer at Worcester Publishing and penned a book about the city. He was employed by AIDS Project Worcester at the time of his death.

Among his loved ones, Lester leaves his mother, Jacqueline Paquin, to whom he was devoted; his partner, John Tambeau; his brothers, Sheldon and John (Cassandra); his niece, Amanda and nephew, Zachary. He was predeceased by his father, Charles L. Paquin Jr. He also leaves his two beloved dogs.

A visitation will be held from 2-5 p.m on Sunday, April 4, 2021, in the Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre, MA.

Donations in Lester’s memory can be made to either the Barre Library Association, Box 731, Barre, MA 01005 or the Barre Historical Society, 18 Common St., Barre, MA. 01005.

Visit [pillsburyfuneralhome.com](http://pillsburyfuneralhome.com)

### DEATH NOTICE

**Paquin, Lester W.**  
Died: March 11, 2021  
Visitation April 4 from 2-5pm  
Pillsbury Funeral Home

## Tri-Parish Community Church news

NEW BRAINTREE – “The Mission of the Tri-Parish Community Church is service to God by working together to alleviate suffering and foster hope, love, and the word of Jesus Christ among our families and neighbors, here and throughout the world.” Imagine being a lay leader in a small, New England church; and, having the responsibility of preparing a Biblical message that is inspirational to carry the congregation through each week of this turbulent world in which we now live.

Deacon Marguerite Crevier spoke on Sunday, March 14 of the sacrifices that Jesus Christ made for us; and, how some of us find it difficult to give up a simple thing like chocolate for Lent. She, Jennifer Pollard, and Deacon Ginny Rich are dedicat-

ed to the Tri-Parish for a worship service at least once every month. And, now, while we search for a part-time minister, the Tri-Parish gratefully has, for a short time, the assistance of Rev. Kathleen Fitzgibbons.

This month she will have the service on Sunday, March 28. One Sunday, March 21, Deacon Ginny Rich will be conducting the service at 10 a.m. in the New Braintree Congregational Church. All are welcome. Social distancing and masks are required. Flowers to decorate the church for Easter have been ordered; so if anyone would like to purchase a potted lily, tulip or daffodil in memory of someone, please contact Bonnie St. Cyr at 443-835-7530. After the Easter service, plants can be brought home or delivered to shut-ins.

## Congregational church plans drive thru roast pork dinner

BARRE – The Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., will offer a drive thru roast pork dinner on Saturday, March 27. Pick up time is 5-5:30 p.m. Adults are \$12 and children under 12 are \$5. For reservations, people may call Lisa

Holloway at 978-355-0140.

The Supper Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, who has supported their drive thru dinners. The committee hopes to continue this until it is safe for all to be together again inside.

## Free legal help hotline offered

The Hampden County Bar Association will hold a Legal Help Hotline Thursday, March 25 from 3-6 p.m. Local and experienced attorneys will be available to provide legal advice on various topics, including divorce and family, bankruptcy, business, employment, landlord/tenant and real estate. Individuals needing advice should call 413-732-4648 to speak to a volunteer.

Founded in 1864, the Hampden County Bar Association is a non-profit organization representing the interests of lawyers, the justice system and the public in Hampden County in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It provides professional support, education and networking opportunities to its members and advocacy on behalf of lawyers, the judiciary and the public.

## QUABBIN BASEBALL continued from page 7

league.

The league is in need of about 25 players to fill out the rosters for this year. There are just a few weeks remaining before the league’s draft.

Managers and members of the league’s board discussed the COVID-19 protocols and field arrangements for the 2021 season.

Due to the restrictions in place in Easthampton, teams will only have limited games at Daley Field at Nonotuck Park. Castonguay announced the remainder of games would be played at South Hadley High School and the Beachgrounds Park, which is also in South Hadley. Booster Field is not available for the league, Castonguay said. Three games are typically played each Sunday. Each team plays their five opponents three

times each. Every team makes the playoffs with a football-style format where the lower four seeds play in the first week of the playoffs and the winners meeting the top two seeds in the semifinals.

Castonguay explained while the gameplay itself will be largely the same, a number of “habits” will need to be changed in order for the league to safely be played.

First, like many sports, masks are required to be worn while involved in the game or on the benches. Benches will need to be spread out in order to allow for social distancing. Mask breaks can take place up the foul lines with proper distance from all players, Castonguay said.

Last summer, umpires who did high school and adult baseball in other leagues called balls and strikes from behind the pitcher’s mound. Castonguay said umpires voted recently to have an umpire

back behind the plate.

Other habits being curtailed for the start of the season are the acts of spitting, spitting pumpkin or sunflower seeds, and the removal of all garbage from playing fields.

“Fields are not providing garbage cans,” said Castonguay. “So whatever we bring in, we have to take with us.”

The league may issues trash bags to teams so trash can be bagged and taken away by the players after games.

The modifications will be in place for the start of the season, but could change as the season goes on depending on the pace of vaccinations and when the governor lifts various restrictions.

The cost to play in the league this season is \$192.51 and registration can be found at [www.quabbin-valleybaseball.org](http://www.quabbin-valleybaseball.org). The league draft is set for April 11 at 10 a.m. at a location to be determined.

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dents is something that Gelinas feels is important, especially with the uncertainty in the world today. “Theater is inclusive, a safe space, I want kids to feel at home, because that’s what it was for me growing up. It was always

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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Sunday, March 7**  
9:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
5:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Summer Street – Citation Issued

**Monday, March 8**  
2:58 a.m. Falls Hardwick Road – Transported to Hospital  
10:20 a.m. Falls School Street North – Transported to Hospital  
8:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop West Street – Citation Issued

**Tuesday, March 9**  
10:45 a.m. Animal Bite Wauwinet Road – Officer Advised  
4:19 p.m. Dislocated Shoulder South Street – Transported to Hospital

4:37 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems Edward Lane – Transported to Hospital  
5:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop West Street – Citation Issued  
10:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Williamsville Road – Vehicle Towed  
Summons: Autumn C. Adams, 35, Baldwinville  
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Equipment Violation, Miscellaneous Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle

**Thursday, March 10**  
8:51 p.m. Seizures Nelson Street – Transported to Hospital

**Friday, March 11**  
9:22 a.m. Vomiting Williamsville Road – Transported to Hospital  
2:56 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle South Barre Road – Transported to Hospital  
5:48 p.m. Littering/Trash/Dumping Washburn Road – Officer Advised

**Saturday, March 12**  
11:51 a.m. Brush and Wildland Fires Williamsville Road – Fire Extinguished  
5:33 p.m. Illegal Dumping Washburn Road – Officer Advised

**South Barre**  
**Friday, March 12**  
6:30 p.m. Vandalism Clem Court – Services Rendered

## Hardwick Police Log

For the week of March 8-15, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department conducted 79 building/property checks, 10 emergency 911 calls, 9 radar assignments, 26 directed/area patrols, 1 vandalism, 1 trespass, 3 animal calls, 12 traffic controls and 10 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, March 8**  
2:05 p.m. Phone – Complaint Petersham Road – Spoken To  
8:10 p.m. Phone – Complaint Bridge Street – Investigated

**Tuesday, March 9**  
2:06 p.m. Phone – Vandalism Barre Road – Services Rendered  
2:10 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Street – Transported to Hospital

**Wednesday, March 10**  
9:58 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Collins Road – Services Rendered  
12:46 p.m. Phone – Trespass Turkey Street – Gone On Arrival  
3 p.m. 911 – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations Main Street – Gone On Arrival  
3:37 p.m. Phone – Complaint Main Street – Investigated  
10:53 p.m. Phone – Complaint Hardwick Road – Spoken To  
10:54 p.m. 911 – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations Ruggles Street – Negative Contact

**Thursday, March 11**  
4:20 p.m. 911 – Assist Citizen Collins Road – Services Rendered  
6:31 p.m. Radio – Fire, Illegal Burn/Permit Bridge Street – Services Rendered

7:57 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Street – Transported to Hospital

**Friday, March 12**  
1:30 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital  
4:09 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued

**Saturday, March 13**  
9:55 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Summons Issued  
3:21 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning

**Sunday, March 14**  
12:37 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital  
3:53 p.m. 911 – Lockout Church Lane – Services Rendered  
6:22 p.m. 911 – Complaint Church Lane – Spoken To

## Oakham Police Log

**Sunday, March 7**  
6:26 p.m. Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls Hunt Road – No Police Service Necessary

**Tuesday, March 9**  
11:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Old Turnpike Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal

2:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Vehicle Towed  
3:25 p.m. Fraud/Forgery Barre Road – Report Filed

**Wednesday, March 10**  
2:49 p.m. Fraud/Forgery Tomlinson Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
4:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Brookfield Road – Written Warning

**Thursday, March 11**  
2:05 p.m. Sick/Unknown Scott Road – Transported to Hospital  
7:39 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems Grace Lane – Ambulance Signed Refusal

# Public Notices

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Barre Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Virtual public hearing on **Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** requested by Christopher and Kathleen Malloy for a variance for relief from Zoning Bylaw Article VI Table of Dimensional Requirements Section 140-14 in a R-20 Zone for proposed garage at property located at 749 South Barre Road, Assessors Map H, Lot 543. Recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 35414, Page 55.

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the virtual hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street – Suite 5, Barre, MA or contact the Boards’ Office at 978-355-5000 ext. 7.

**Joshua Smith**  
**Chairman**  
03/11, 03/18/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
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Docket No.  
WO21P0712EA  
Estate of:**

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**Date of Death: 06/22/2020**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Priscilla M Scott** of Barre, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Priscilla M Scott** of Barre, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/06/2021.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of

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**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: **March 04, 2021**  
**Stephanie K. Fattman**  
Register of Probate  
03/18/2021

### NEW BRAINTREE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 11, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Summit Farm Solar LLC’s application for a proposed solar farm at 40 Hardwick Road, at which the Planning Board shall consider, make further

findings, and issue a decision solely on the question of whether the project (as amended, if so amended) complies with the Siting Requirements set forth in Bylaw Section 8(C)(4)(A), and for the imposition, as may be required by the Planning Board thereunder, of additional screening, if any. The hearing will be held on **Monday, April 5, at 7:00 pm** by videoconference, accessible at:

**https://zoom.us/j/94300716877?pwd=OGMyYUhlMk1RUGxwOUxrZTRBeVpIZz09 or by phone at: (929) 436-2866**  
**Meeting ID: 943 0071 6877**  
**Passcode: 143842**  
03/18, 03/25/2021

### Community Outreach Meeting Adroit Manufacturing, LLC

Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Marijuana Establishment, is scheduled for **March 29, 2021 at 6 p.m. by Zoom call.** The proposed Marijuana Microbusiness is anticipated to be located at 435 Lower Rd. Gilbertville MA 01031. We will be hosting a Zoom meeting. The Zoom link will be posted on the town website. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.  
03/18/2021

## Petersham Police Log

**Monday, Feb. 1**  
5:42 p.m. Phone – Safety Hazard New Salem Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

**Tuesday, Feb. 2**  
8:29 a.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Popple Camp Road – Report Taken  
7:48 p.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Hardwick Road – Vehicle Towed

**Saturday, Feb. 6**  
10:40 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop West Street – Citation Issued

**Sunday, Feb. 7**  
12:17 p.m. Cellular – Property Damage Maple Lane – Report Taken  
2:22 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency West Street – Transported to Athol

**Monday, Feb. 8**  
4:42 p.m. Phone – Complaint Spring Street – Officer Handled

**Wednesday, Feb. 10**  
8:44 a.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard West Street – Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
9:51 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop New Salem Road – Citation Issued  
10:25 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop New Salem Road – Citation Issued  
11:09 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning  
5:05 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued  
5:56 p.m. 911 – Misdial North Main Street – Services Rendered

**Thursday, Feb. 11**  
9:40 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop South Main Street – Written Warning

**Friday, Feb. 12**  
9:22 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning

**Saturday, Feb. 13**  
8:42 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning  
8:54 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued  
10:06 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Arrest(s) Made  
3:40 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning  
4:03 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Spring Street – Written Warning  
6:27 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop South Main Street – Written Warning

**Sunday, Feb. 14**  
8:32 a.m. 911 – Misdial Hardwick Road – Spoken To  
9:40 a.m. 911 – Misdial South Street – Dispatch Handled  
12:29 p.m. 911 – Animal Call North Main Street – Services Rendered

**Monday, Feb. 15**  
7:39 a.m. 911 – Misdial West Street – Transferred Call to C1

**Tuesday, Feb. 16**  
4:20 p.m. Phone – Welfare Check Hardwick Road – Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, Feb. 18**  
2:03 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency West Road – Transported to Hospital  
4:03 p.m. 911 – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations North Main Street – Citation Issued

**Friday, Feb. 19**  
12:34 p.m. 911 – Misdial North Main Street – Checked/Secured

**Saturday, Feb. 20**  
3:57 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued

**Sunday, Feb. 21**  
1:03 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop South Main Street – Citation Issued

**Monday, Feb. 22**  
7:17 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Popple Camp Road – Removed Hazard

**Friday, Feb. 26**  
7:29 p.m. Phone – Fire Alarm North Main Street – Services Rendered

**Saturday, Feb. 27**  
7:10 a.m. 911 – Misdial East Street – Spoken To  
2:34 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning  
3:08 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued  
3:39 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning  
3:57 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued  
4:46 p.m. 911 – Misdial East Street – Investigated

**Sunday, Feb. 28**  
9:30 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard South Street – Services Rendered

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, March 7**  
8:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Barre Road – Report Filed  
1:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Barre Road – Investigated  
4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Report Filed  
Summons: Jeffery P. Murray, 41, Winchendon  
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Inspection/Sticker, No  
4:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued

**Monday, March 8**  
6:35 a.m. Erratic Operator Worcester Road – Written Warning  
1:12 p.m. Identity Theft Streeter Road – Information Taken

**Tuesday, March 9**  
3:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Burnshirt Road – Vehicle Towed  
Summons: Lily M. Lunani, 48, Ware Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle  
4:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Williamsville Road – Citation Issued  
7:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Main Street – Ambulance Signed Refusal

**Thursday, March 11**  
3:04 p.m. Safety Concern Brigham Pond – Officer Spoke to Party  
5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Jasmin Ruiz, 22, Fitchburg  
Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With  
9:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Barre Road – Investigated

**Friday, March 12**  
5:20 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Summons Issued

9:23 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Gilbertville Road – Removed Hazard  
11:18 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Sibley Road – Extinguished

**Saturday, March 13**  
1:21 a.m. Radio – Safety Hazard Gilbertville Road – Removed Hazard  
7:36 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Hardwick Road – Transported to Hospital

**Sunday, March 14**  
8:29 p.m. Initiated – Harassment Wine Road – Investigated

## New Braintree Police Log

For the week of March 8-15, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department conducted 25 building/property checks, 8 radar assignments, 4 motor vehicle stop, 31 directed/area patrols, 3 traffic controls, 1 trespass, 1 harassment, 1 scam, 1 fraud, 1 larceny/theft/shoplifting and 3 emergency 911 calls in the town of New Braintree.

**Monday, March 8**  
11:18 a.m. Phone – Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting Unitas Road – No Action Required  
12:27 p.m. Other – Trespass West Brookfield Road – Officer Handled  
1:13 p.m. Phone – Scam West Road – Spoken To  
5:51 p.m. Initiated – Fraud Barre Road – Officer Handled

**Thursday, March 11**  
4:42 p.m. 911 – Misdial Gilbertville Road – Services Rendered  
6:43 p.m. Radio – Safety Hazard Worcester Road – Services Rendered  
10:24 p.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Oakham Road – Transported to Hospital

**Friday, March 12**  
5:20 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Summons Issued

### SERMONS continued from page 9

A light was sent into this world, to save the world from darkness. Elsewhere Jesus talks about a lamp that needs to be put on the table to bring light, and not be kept under the table. Verses 19 – 21 talks about the implication for those who, when they recognize the light, and choose to live by this Light, and the truth of the light, will inherit the Kingdom of God. Then there are those who choose not to come into the light, because they live their lives in darkness, and the closer they come into the light, the truth about their lives will be revealed. Their condemnation lies in the fact that they choose darkness over the light.

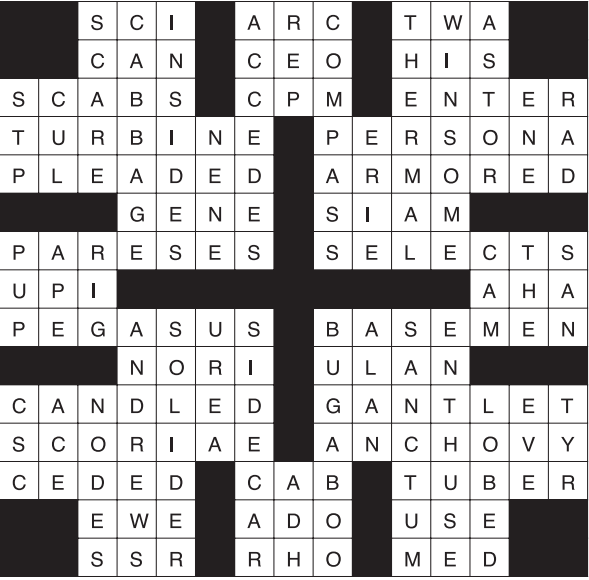
Light has become available to them through the life of the Son of God, but by not choosing to live by His message of light and love and compassion, they miss out on life with God who sent this Child of Bethlehem to save the world, save them.

IV. Conclusion  
The purpose of Jesus’ birth and message is not to condemn, but to introduce anyone who needed to understand God’s love for humanity, to the message of the Good News. His life was an example of love, compassion, and mercy, but it also became a lightning rod for those who did not uphold the values of love and compassion, who was hiding in the darkness of oppressing the poor and the outcast. Jesus reached out to the ones who felt

they did not have a place in society, and those in power would not be ok with that message.

The Christ of Lent, who would go through the darkness of the cross, would still carry the light of God’s message with Him, and was the Light Himself then and today. May we get to know Him better in and through the mystery of His life and death and resurrection. May His message be clear to us as we seek Him every day, and may His light bring light and blessings into our lives always, even during times of darkness.  
Amen

**Pastor Margaret Keyser**  
*Barre Congregational Church*



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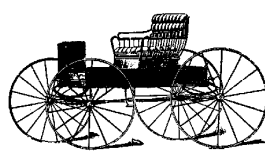
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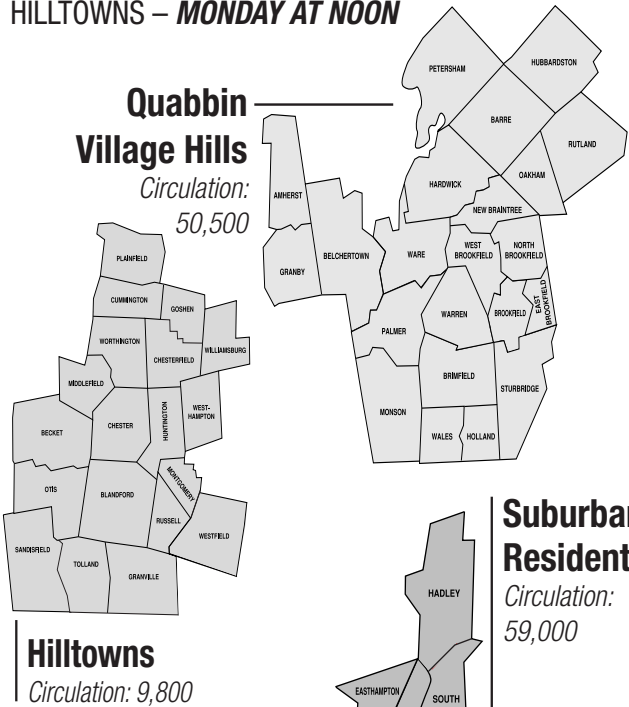
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Participants pay to be on the map and all proceeds go to the Town's Fourth of July Celebration. Over the years this event raises over \$3,000 for the town's 4th of July Celebration. According to Benjamin Frost, chair of the Town Wide Yard Sale Committee,

"This year will be stronger than ever. Masks and Covid-19 protocols apply as we enjoy the day. We usually have over 200 participants selling from their yards, garages and on the Town Common too. It's a day full of fun and joy. We advertise in many, many papers and online. Historically people have come from near and far to participate in this one-day event."

The maps will be available starting at 7:15 a.m. on Saturday April 24. Frost said, "We anticipate this year being a record breaker in the

number of sites/ locations and people selling their treasures both from their homes and on the Town Commons." The committee was unable to have the yard sale last year

Community groups, businesses, and all enjoy the day. Several town organizations gather to sell their items for charity, businesses boom and the town streets and sidewalks come to life. The amazing part of the day is everything is done and cleaned up by 4 p.m. It's fun to watch people stop and pick up free

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